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HOUSE REVENUE BILL.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 13.—After a long interval the Revenue bill has again been taken up in the House. The Senate bill is still in the Revenue Committee, and it is determined to push forward the House measure and send it to the other branch. Very little interest was displayed to-day, though the sections acted on were of decided importance. Without a word of discussion the provision of the bill relative to listing railroad property was stricken out, and Mr. Short's substitute, which is more equitable and more in compliance with the Constitution, was adopted. That section by which city taxes must be extended on the basis of State assessment was also adopted without a word. There was much talking on the section providing for the number of items to be contained in the schedule used for listing personal property, and to require every man to take a stringent oath, but it was chiefly a repetition of previous arguments on the subject. This substitute was rejected by a decided vote, and since it was in many respects similar to the provisions of the Senate bill on that matter, there is here another point of variance between two Houses. The Revenue bill will be continued every morning, and should be finished in Committee of the Whole this week. Some new sections have been prepared specially applicable to the collection of taxes in Cook County, but their consideration will not take much time.

SPECIAL ORDERS.

A bad symptom now manifesting itself is the rage for making bills special orders. It is indicative of a natural desire of men to hurry up the business in which they are interested, but it also indicates a fear that if bills are not considered at once they will not be considered at all. It is one of the signs of that inevitable break-up of the Legislature which will come when the end is out of the ground.

THE SCHOOL BILL.

The Senate took up the School bill, and discussed at length Mr. Fuller's amendment to reduce the tax from 4 mills to 2. Northern members were opposed to a larger sum, while the first support from the south. The amendment was adopted, and that by a decided vote. The House may take different action.

FEE BILL PASSED.

The Senate this morning passed the bill introduced by Mr. Miller, of Knox, fixing the fees of Township Collectors and County Treasurers. This is an emergency bill, and needs but the Governor's signature to become the law at once. The bill was pushed through by Mr. Miller against the combined efforts of Mr. Miller, and is the first one that passed on the subject of fees and salaries. It is as follows:

A BILL for an act to fix the fees of Township Collectors and County Collectors in Counti s under Township organization, for collecting the taxes levied by this act, and to fix the fees of County Treasurers for Receiving and Disbursing the Revenue of 1871.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly, That hereafter the Collectors of the several counties in this State as their fees, from all taxes levied for the year eighteen hundred and seventy-one, and collected by them, the following sums, which shall be full compensation for their services:

Each collectors of counties under township organization shall receive, for collecting the taxes levied for the year eighteen hundred and seventy-one, the following sums, to be allowed in settlement with the proper authorities:

On the first hundred dollars, ten cents for each dollar of delinquent real estate, to be filed with the County Clerk. On all sums over one hundred and less than two hundred, eight cents for each dollar; on all sums over two hundred and less than three hundred, seven cents for each dollar; and for each additional hundred dollars, six cents for each tract, and three (3) cents for each dollar, to be charged and collected as costs.

SEC. 3. That County Treasurers be allowed for receiving and disbursing taxes raised for county purposes, for the year 1871, two per cent., and for receiving and disbursing the State revenue collected and paid into the State Treasury, for the year 1871, one per cent., and for receiving and disbursing all such sums as may be ordered refunded by the Board of Supervisors, or other proper authority, and returning from the seat of government for the purpose of paying over the State tax, ten cents for every mile of necessary travel, to be allowed by the Auditor in settlement.

SEC. 4. Whereas an emergency exists as a reason why this law should take effect immediately, namely: that the revenue is now being collected and must be collected during the first days of March next, therefore, this law shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

THE MAYOR'S BILL.

It has been rumored that the Governor would extend to the Mayor's bill because its term of life was limited to two years, but he seems to be in mistake. If anything it will help the bill in his opinion.

THE COLLECTION BILL.

The bill for the collection of taxes in cities, and the sale of real estate for delinquent taxes, has been reported to a third reading in the Senate. It came up specially for the 13th. The House as an emergency bill without amendment.

EMINENT DOMAIN.

After a long lapse in the House again reached Eminent Domain, and spent on it a weary and unsatisfactory afternoon. Nelson's bill, by which the Canal Trustees opened, is to give the matter of benefits absolutely to the Courts, was considered, but did not prove at all satisfactory to Chicago members. They alleged that, by some of its provisions, juries and Judges would be almost necessarily driven to exact the whole benefit of benefits, and that they would certainly susceptible of the interpretation given to it. Yet there was no reason why they could not have been amended; but the proposed changes were voted down, and it does not seem as if the compromise would receive any more votes than Nelson's original bill. The amendments did not seem to be opposed because they were partial, but because they came from what was looked on as an inimical question. No effort was made to put in a provision to allow cities to raise money for paying for opening streets and alleys by special taxation of the property benefited, but that failed, of course. A new and perplexing question also arose, on which the House adjourned. In fighting one of the many amendments offered to the bill Mr. Nelson drew a broad line between taking of land and the damages which might arise by reason of the construction of any public work at any future time, holding that, although the owner of lands opened, as was specially damaged and claimed compensation for it, then benefits could be plead as in offset. This view of the case is substantially the same as the decision of the Supreme Court under an old law, where they hold that a man must be paid in full for his land, but benefits may be considered in estimating a man's damages from the construction and use of the road. He having thus split asunder the taking of land and the damages which might be caused to a person's property by reason of any public work, the question was raised whether his bill contained the proper machinery to enable a person who was injured by reason of the construction of a railroad or a public street, to recover his damages. Mr. Waite, assisted by other Chicago members, claimed that it did not, and he offered a additional section to cover that point. Mr. Nelson thought it certain defect in his bill could be remedied, and Mr. Waite denied it, and, pending consideration of that important point, the Committee rose. A section in the bill probably does cover the point, but it could be better worded. The matter was fixed for further consideration of the subject, and it is again temporarily on the shelf.

Regular Report of Proceedings.

SENATE.

SPRINGFIELD, Feb. 13.

Met at 10 a. m.

ABSENTEES.

Davis, Egger, Jewett, Lanning, McNulta, Woodward.

PEW BILL PASSED.

House Bill 762, to fix fees of Township Collectors in counties, under township organization, for collecting taxes of 1871, and fixing fees of County Treasurers for receiving and delivering revenue of 1871 was passed—yeas, 34; nays, none.

PETITION.

Mr. UNDERWOOD presented a petition of citizens of Fairfield, Wayne county, for submission of the Revenue law to the people before going into effect. Tabled.

COMMITTEE APPOINTED.

The President announced the appointment of Messrs. Anderson, Starne, Underwood, Fuller, and Edsall on Committee on Revenue to meet with view to adjournment on March 15.

HABITUAL DRUNKARDS.

House bill 277, to provide for the appointment of guardians of habitual drunkards, and prescribing the duties of such guardians, was passed—yeas, 34; nays, none.

LEGISLATIVE EXPENSES.

Mr. CRAWFORD introduced a bill to provide for the expenses of the next General Assembly and State officers.

MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS.

The Senate refused to recede from its amendment to House bill 271, to enable counties, cities, etc., to fund indebtedness, etc.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Mr. LANGLEY, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported back a certain resolution relative to military education in Industrial Colleges, and the discontinuance of West Point, recommending its passage, with slight amendments.

Mr. NICHOLSON, from the Committee on Agriculture, reported back Senate bill 302 making an appropriation to State Agricultural and Horticultural Societies, striking out certain appropriations to district Horticultural Societies, which was concurred in.

THE SCHOOL BILL.

Consideration of the School bill was resumed, debates being had upon Mr. Fuller's amendment cutting down the tax from four to two mills.

Mr. HAMPTON opened the debate in opposition to the amendment.

Mr. UNDERWOOD favored the amendment—for the reason that districts were apt to use State distributions with free and lavish hands; whereas if raised by local taxation an economical expenditure was generally the rule.

Mr. WHITING favored the amendment. The State should perform its share of education, and localities should bear theirs. He would, however, favor a four-mill tax if the times at present were in a condition to admit of it.

Mr. BANGS took it for granted that this matter was one of the thousand and one phases of protection. The school system was weak, for the reason that it had been protected too much. He contrasted the weak sons of wealth with the industrious children of indolence. People needed to be stirred up in this matter. The chief aim of the State should be to create a desire for knowledge. Schools have been protected too much. Schools should be taught to rely more upon themselves and less upon the State.

Mr. CARTER reviewed the action of New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, and Maine in regard to free schools, all of whom levied a less rate of tax than Illinois. Cook County raised, last year, $350,000 school tax, of which they received back but $60,000. He doubted the propriety of increasing the taxation at this time.

Mr. HOLCOMB said that while nearly two hundred millions may have been destroyed in Cook County, the values for taxable purposes were placed by the Auditor at $39,134,000, clearly showing that valuation was much lower in that county than any where else in the State. The State superintendent had called special attention to the education of colored children, nearly one-fourth of all in the State resided in his district—the First. He rebutted the statement that the lower counties were paupers. They paid more taxes proportionally than the wealthier counties. He wanted no missionary fund or missionaries sent into his district. He was of the opinion that the coming election had some influence with that gentlemen who so eloquently argued against further taxation of the people.

Mr. PEIRCE reviewed the various funds from which the school system drew sustenance—seminary lands, swamp lands, fines, forfeitures, etc., etc. He was satisfied that districts, if required to raise a portion of the school tax, they would administer financial affairs with greater economy than if the rate of State tax was doubled.

Adjourned.

In the afternoon, consideration of the School bill was resumed.

Mr. FULLER said that he had no reason to change his opinion, advanced some days ago, that there was no constitutional provision requiring the levying of State taxes for school purposes.

Mr. WASHBURN said that it was evident that the Senate would adopt the amendment, but wished to reply to the remarks made as to the influencing of Senators for a 4 mill tax for the amount of surplus distribution they would expect to receive, replying particularly to Mr. Kerr (Peoria).

Mr. WOODARD said the Joint Committee of the two houses were equally divided as to 4 mills, yet no definite decision was reached in Committee. The time for a change from 4 to 2 mills had not been asked, for it was not wanted, and especially at this time inexpedient. Localities can raise money for their own wants by knowing just what they need, and the least the State did, and the more it allowed municipalities to act in matters of this kind, the better.

Mr. FULLER said that any people who would voluntarily assess themselves more for school purposes than any other purpose could be trusted to keep the schools running. Until public opinion came to the General Assembly and demanded that the State should assume the whole burden of the education of children, and that children should be, in that respect, the wards of the State, there was no call for any change; but that any demand would be made in a few years he had no doubt.

The amendment was adopted—yeas, 28; nays, 6; as follows:

YEAS.			
Allen,	Flagg,	Starne,	
Bangs,	Fuller,	Underwood,	
Carter,	Harlan,	Vaughn,	
Crawford,	Holcomb,	Voris,	
Daggett,	Peirce,	Whiting,	
Donahue,	Reddick,	Wilkinson,	
Early,	Richardson,	Winslow,	
Eddy,	Senter,	Woodard.	
Edsall,	Solomon,		
NAYS.			
Alexander,	Hampton,	VanDersen,	
Anderson,	Hazelton,	Walcomb.	

Mr. ANDERSON offered a substitute for Section 68, providing that there should be levied annually in addition to the Revenue Fund a tax to be levied exclusively for the payment of salaries of teachers, and such amount in addition as may be required to erect, repair, and maintain school houses.

Mr. FLAGG said that about $4,000,000 only would be raised under the proposition.

Mr. DANIELS said it had a beginning, but the end no man could see. He was opposed to it, front and back, top and bottom. Lost—yeas, 4; nays, 30. Messrs. Anderson, Holcomb, Voris, and Washburn voted in the affirmative.

Considerable discussion was had upon the proposed amendment of the Committee to Section 81 of the bill providing for the election of Directors and Boards of Education, which was participated in by Messrs. FLAGG, EDDY, WHITING, CRAWFORD, UNDERWOOD, BANGS, and EDSALL.

Mr. EDSALL offered an amendment providing that City or Town Superintendents of Schools may be required to act as Principals, and distribute unemployed time attend to the ordinary duties of teacher. Adopted.

The amendments of the Committee were finished, and, during consideration of the amendments to the bill, the President announced no quorum, whereupon the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

INSURANCE DEPARTMENT.

Mr. EGAN moved that the bill to establish an Insurance Department, and the bill to repeal the act relative to insurance companies, be made the special order for Friday morning.

It was agreed to.

THE REVENUE BILL

was taken up in Committee of the Whole, the question coming on Section 14, in relation to the way of taxing railroad property, for which Mr. Short had offered a substitute, by which the property of railroads is taxed in the places where it is, with the exception of its rolling stock, which is pro-rated according to the number of miles of main track in the State.

The next section provides that the assessment made by the Town Assessor shall be the basis on which all taxes, State, county, and city, shall be extended. It was adopted.

The next section was in relation to listing personal property, for which Mr. Johnson offered a substitute providing for swearing to returns.

Mr. JOHNSON spoke in support of his substitute, which provided for a more specific schedule, and a system of oaths, would enable them to reach about all the taxable property in the State. The Stock Board manufacturers had complained of the taxation of shares of stock, but he had attempted to cure that by an amendment providing that the shares should not be taxed when the real and personal property were. By an oath he hoped to reach that intangible property which had for years escaped taxation, and which, if only a mere certificate were required, would continue to. The following is the oath proposed by him:

"I, A. B., do solemnly swear (or, I, A. B., do solemnly and sincerely affirm, as the case may be) that the above statement is, as to the quality, quantity, numbers and amounts of the items designated therein, and the values listed, true and correct, as I verily believe. That I have not, intentionally or to my knowledge, omitted to list any property required by law to be listed for taxation; that I have not by false statement, or in any manner whatsoever, by myself or by any other person, directly or indirectly, for myself or for any other person or corporation, sought to evade or defeat the assessment of my own property or that of any other person or corporation, or to cause the same to be improperly assessed; and that I have not, directly or indirectly, paid, offered, or agreed to pay, any person, officer, or body, any money or other consideration whatever for the purpose of procuring a false valuation of my property, or that of any other person or corporation. And I do further swear (or affirm) that I will not, directly or indirectly, do any of the things mentioned in this oath. So help me God. (Or, this I do solemnly affirm, under the pains and penalties of perjury, as the case may be).

Sworn to and subscribed before me, on this ——— day of ———, A. D. 18—. A. B.

This oath, he thinks, will go to the very heart of the matter.

Mr. SHORT opposed the substitute, its schedule, and its oath, as a person intended to defraud his Assessor, and it was impossible to help it. To make oaths common was to make them worthless, to debauch the morality of the people, and to act contrary to public policy. That was not the way to provide for the detection and punishment of fraud.

Mr. BARNES was utterly opposed to the substitute. There had not been a return made that was false and fraudulent, and there never had been more than a couple of cases of conviction under the penalties. Nor did an Assessor dare to make an honest return, for he knew he could not be re-elected. Not one member of the Legislature had ever made an honest return, and the fault of the whole thing lay with the law-makers. It was impossible for a man to swear to the value of his personal property with any accuracy. The result would be that men would soon be placidly according to what they knew to be untrue, for the law was requiring impossibilities of them. The law could not be executed, for it was worthless on its face. They had failed, and were sure to fail, so long as they stuck to absurd systems.

Mr. DANIELS agreed fully with Mr. Barnes. Mr. Johnson's schedule, with its thirty-seven items, should never be adopted, for it was impracticable, and its adoption would inevitably lead to perjury. Men would send in invoice all their property in order to swear to be able to its value.

Mr. SHAW had no reason to believe that men would be more honester if required to swear to their returns than if their honor was relied on. Among his people there was a spirit of hostility to any such system of swearing. By their laws they proposed duties on men and punished them if they failed. By this law they made an exception, and required a man to swear he had performed a duty. This law would be for the advantage of scamps and against honest men, as had appeared in returning incomes.

Mr. ARMSTRONG said Mr. Shaw had fully expressed his sentiments on the subject of taking an oath. He did not want to assume every man was a knave. He did not agree with Mr. Barnes that the old revenue system had been a failure, regarding it a complete success. What he wanted to do was to get better Assessors, and that he thought could be done.

Mr. RICE (Sangamon) favored the substitute, and took exception to the remarks made about the effect of making oaths common. For himself, he thought oaths the only way to get at all the property in the State.

Mr. SPRINGER was opposed to the substitute, since it left to each man to fix the value of all his property, and required him to swear to it.

Mr. Johnson's substitute was lost—yeas, 26; nays, 61.

The section was adopted.

The Committee rose, to sit again to-morrow morning.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Mr. MILLER (St. Clair) introduced a bill to incorporate County Agricultural Societies.

The Homestead bill and Printing bill were made the special order for Friday afternoon.

The Judiciary Committee reported back the bill in relation to the law of libel, recommending its passage.

The bill to repeal the act to provide for the permanent survey of land was reported back from the same Committee with same recommendation.

Mr. CAMPBELL presented a petition for the removal of the Calumet dam.

The Appropriation Committee reported back the bill appropriating $4,000 for George Chatterton, with the recommendation that it pass.

The Senate resolution for the appointment of the Committee to arrange business was called up, but could not be considered, not being a two-thirds vote to suspend the rules.

Mr. PHELPS moved that bills on a third reading be made the special order for to-morrow afternoon.

The bill to appoint a trustee to sell Illinois Central lands was made the special order for Saturday morning.

The bill relative to the sale of obscene prints was made the special order for Saturday afternoon.

GOVERNOR'S CONTINGENT FUND.

In the afternoon, the bill appropriating a contingent fund of $10,000 for the Governor was taken up and a vote had, resulting—yeas, 108; nays, 4. Since it was an emergency bill it failed. More members having come in, it was tried again, resulting—yeas, 119; nays, 4.

COMMON JAILS.

The bill to prohibit the use of common jails by authorities of towns as calaboose or look-up, was taken up and amended.

RAILROAD CASUALTIES.

Mr. CLOUD (Morgan) introduced a bill to prevent injury to persons at railroad crossings, requiring all trains to stop short of such crossings, and providing a penalty for its violation.

EMINENT DOMAIN.

Nelson's compromise on the Eminent Domain bill was taken up in Committee of the Whole, as proposed, the substitute to the Senate bill amendment was offered by Mr. DORNBLASER, so that the report of the jury should state the compensation, whether in benefits, or otherwise.

Mr. NELSON opposed it, since at that time no benefits could have arisen. He had no objection to setting off benefits against damages arising to a man from the construction and use of any public work, but he did not want to use the word benefits in connection with the taking of land, which was the only thing to which his bill referred. It was useless to talk of benefits when the work had not begun and might never have begun.

A message was received from the Governor that he had signed the bill to fix the fees of Township Collectors and County Treasurers.

Messrs. BRINGER and SANFORD opposed Mr. Dornblaser's amendment, as it was receding from the compromise.

Mr. PEIRCE thought benefits and damages could be ascertained when land was taken.

Mr. DORNBLASER thought his amendment equitable and necessary.

Mr. BARNES spoke in support of Mr. Nelson's bill, and against the amendment.

The amendment was lost; yeas, 47; nays, 65.

Mr. BURLEY was unable to see any compromise in the bill. The object of the bill was to restore to the owner of the land the compensation in money, and nothing else was to be received. He offered an amendment which he thought would bring the bill somewhat nearer to a compromise.

Mr. WAITE offered an amendment vesting cities with the power to pay the expenses of opening streets and alleys by special taxation of contiguous property or private assessment. If that succeeded, he proposed to follow it up with another amendment to apply to the opening of roads. He would vote for the bill if his amendment was in.

Mr. SHAW thought Mr. Burley's objection was purely technical, and nothing more, and showed the fear of Cook County members of decisions of the Supreme Court. He was surprised at that course from Chicago members, when the State had paid what it cost to deepen the canal, while it had been compelled to pay for deepening was worth more than its cost to Chicago as a sanitary measure.

Mr. PHELPS supported Mr. Burley's amendment. It was lost,—yeas, 46; nays, 57.

Mr. Waite's amendment was lost,—yeas, 43; nays, 58.

Mr. WAITE offered an additional section in relation to the way of obtaining compensation in cases of injury to property.

Mr. ROOT objected to passing a bill which did not provide means of obtaining compensation where it was taken, and simply provided for paying when property was taken.

The Committee rose and adjourned without fixing a time for further consideration of the bill.

WISCONSIN.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

MADISON, Feb. 13.—The event of the day in the Legislature has been the presentation of the report of the Committee appointed by the last Legislature to investigate the charges of alleged bribery and corruption in connection with the passage and veto of the bill for the improvement of the Dalles and Kilbourn Dells. Opposition was made to the reception of the report, Senator Magoon read first for information that of the majority, which the following resolutions are the conclusion:

Resolved, That, in the judgment of your Committee upon the whole testimony, there is no just cause for any charge or imputation against the Governor of 1870, or against any member or members thereof, in their connection and action on said bills.

Resolved, That, in the judgment of this Committee, grounded on evidence, and close and impartial inquiry, the passage of the bills at the session of 1871, was free from any deserved reproach; and that there be no just cause for any charge or suspicion against the members of the majority who voted for said bill, and that, although certain testimony has been adduced on the part of the opposition, and every opportunity given to such opposition to appear and give testimony before the Committee, yet the evidence respecting the opposition, so far as taken, fails to implicate the character of the Executive, or against any member who voted against the bill.

Resolved, That, in the judgment of your Committee, based on the testimony the veto of the Governor was not grounded on any corrupt consideration, and that Governor suggesting him to withhold his approval from the bill, and that, had such consideration been had, vested against it, was granted by an attorney against the bill, not a member; that some of the signers did not know the contents of the paper; that neither said attorney or any signer knew personally of any bribery or corruption, nor intended to charge such crime against any member of the majority, and that no evidence obtained by your Committee warrants the conclusion that any such charge exists, or tends to impeach any member of the majority of any bribery or corruption whatever.

Resolved, That, in the judgment of this Committee, grounded on all the evidence, there is no just cause for any charge or imputation against the Executive or motive of Governor Lucius Fairchild in vetoing said bill; that, if the veto of said bill was a mistake, a question this Committee do not decide, yet the Governor was prompted, on the evidence and documents laid before the Legislature, to the best convictions of duty.

Resolved, That, in the judgment of this Committee, upon the whole testimony, money or other consideration was offered by certain of the lobby against the bill to influence the vote or action of votes against said bill to Marcus Trainor, of Dodge County; Gust. Richter, of Milwaukee; Patrick Gallagher, of Lafayette; and Alexander K. Bell, Fetlich, or any of them; that money or other consideration was offered by certain of the lobby for the bill to influence the vote or action for said bill to A. R. Atwater, of Dodge, and K. Heimdel, of Dane. That each of said members indignantly rejected the proffered bribe, and voted and acted only on the bill and their own convictions of duty.

Resolved, That the Committee will recommend that the laws upon the subject of bribery, and of offering bribes to members, be made more searching and stringent, and that a joint rule of the Senate and House be adopted, requiring each member, on pain of expulsion, to immediately report to the House any attempt at bribery, whenever made or known to such member.

Senator Belden then read a report of the minority, but taking the position that the Committee was only authorized to report testimony, without conclusions. They assert that the testimony is now incomplete, unsatisfactory, and in many places contradictory, and recommend a joint select committee of five to continue and complete the testimony, and report at the next session.

The Senate last night passed bills declaring the record of a bill to be conclusive evidence; amending Chapter 176, General Laws of 1857, which facilitate the recovery of judgments, and relating to limitation of actions, and mandatory of Section 19, Chapter 138, Revised Statutes.

To-day there were twenty-three petitions printed in favor and for remonstrances against the passage of the liquor law; remonstrances against the temperance bill, and a memorial of S. D. Carpenter for further pay of expenses on an old printing claim.

The Assembly joint resolution authorizing the Quartermaster General to secure tents, etc., for the reunion of Wisconsin soldiers in Madison, next 4th of July, was concurred in.

Bills were introduced to provide for the manner of proving wills which have been lost or destroyed by accident or design; to provide for uniting an increased number of the State Departments and institutions, and a few local bills.

In the Assembly, last evening, several petitions and remonstrances on the Temperance bill were presented. Also petitions for a change in the School Superintendency system, seventy strangers in the city. All the principal streets were thronged during the entire afternoon, and from 8 to 10 p. m. were almost blocked by the multitude. Such crowds have not been seen upon the streets of New Orleans. The weather was delightful, and the festivities passed off without mishap to mar the pleasure of the occasion.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Feb. 13.—The Carnival to-day surpassed the most sanguine expectations of its projectors. At 9 o'clock a. m. the line of marshal marchers representing every conceivable character, from Napoleon to Rip VanWinkle, with Schneider, and every nationality under the sun, on foot, horseback, in carriages, on velocipedes, and extemporized chariots. The sidewalks were crowded with spectators. It is estimated that during the afternoon 40,000 persons were on the streets. Though the spectators pelted the marchers with bonbons, not a single disturbance occurred to mar the good feeling which prevailed. During the afternoon business was entirely suspended, and the whole city was given up to King Momus and his subjects.

About 7 o'clock the grand procession was formed, composed of about one thousand horsemen, and a long number of wagons handsomely festooned, representing every branch of trade and manufacture, accompanied by several bands. Most of the cars were filled with torches or Chinese lanterns, while the street was illuminated with calcium and parti-colored lamps, presenting a grand spectacle. Those who have witnessed the carnivals at New Orleans say this surpasses any they ever saw there. After marching through the principal streets, the procession disbanded, and the maskers proceeded to the Theatre, Opera House, Assembly and Cochrane Hall, where the festivities will conclude with grand masquerade balls, which will close at midnight.

POLITICAL.

Missouri State Labor Reform Convention—Election of Delegates to the National Convention.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 13.—The State Labor Reform Convention met at Turner Hall, to-day, to elect delegates to the National Convention to be held at Columbus, Ohio, on the 21st., inst. A. E. Glenny, of St. Joseph, was chosen President; A. W. McKee, of St. Louis, Secretary. After some remarks by John Maguire, on the subject of the division of the public domain, finance, and the labor movement in general, the following delegates to the National Convention were elected: At large—D. H. French and A. W. McKee. By district—R. G. Frost, 1; Wm. H. Randolph, 2; Beattie, 3; S. S. Hausman, Geo. W. Bowen, Wm. Harper, A. E. Glenny, J. S. Robbins, Jno. Wickham. The delegation was instructed to act in the National Convention with a view to maximizing a Presidential nomination, to oppose anything calculated to compromise the Labor Reform party.

—A murder committed last Friday, in Canada, has just come to light. The locality was Maidstone, about fifteen miles from Windsor, and the parties were two colored men, named W. Yott Stuart and Samuel Hamilton. In a quarrel, Stuart struck Hamilton on the shoulder with an axe, almost cutting him asunder, and then he still further mutilated his body. The murderer has been arrested and is now in the Sandwich jails, and a brother of his is also in detention there as a witness.

FOREIGN.

The London Times on the Question of Indirect Damages.

Motion for a Prolongation of the English Case Adopted in the House of Lords.

General Sherman and Party Visit Victor Emanuel.

ANGLO-AMERICAN CONTROVERSY.

NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—The London *Times* of Jan. 26 says of the Geneva Arbitration, that the protocol of May 4, 1871, coupled with the provisions of subsequent articles, is sufficient to show that the claims for indirect losses were not contemplated, and that whether the claims for direct losses are admissible in respect of all the vessels comprised in the American list, is a question left open by the treaty, and therefore properly recognizable by the Arbitrators. It argues that Great Britain would have terminated the Treaty Conference had it been understood that ademand would be made for losses in the prolongation of the war; that the agreement is entirely one-sided, and that the Arbitrators will have to judge of the conduct of England by rules that are unjust.

LONDON, Feb. 13.—At a meeting of the Anglo-American Association, last night, to consider the question before the Geneva Arbitration for direct damages, a resolution was adopted that it would not publicly discuss the Alabama difficulty while there was hope of its being settled in a friendly spirit.

It is reported in this city that the reply of the American Government to the Earl of Granville's note, in reference to the claim for indirect damages, reached Minister Schenck to-day.

LONDON, Feb. 13.—An attempt was made to bring the subject of the Alabama claims before the House of Lords to-day for debate. Baron Redesdale proposed to the Government the following question: "If A. and B., partners, are charged for fraud, and defendant, C., proves that B., one of the plaintiffs, acted with him in committing the fraud, whether such proof would not be a complete answer, and debar all damages." Applying this to the questions at issue with the United States, he argued that the North and South were now partners in the Alabama claims. If the law in the case of persons was good, it ought to hold in regard to nations.

Mr. Granville said a discussion of the Treaty of Washington, at the present juncture, was unadvisable, and he declined to answer the question put by Redesdale.

Several Lords expressed their regret that Parliament was the only place where the treaty could not be mentioned. They declared that the Government ought to publish the English case, and other documents connected with the Alabama claims, and give the British people an opportunity of enjoying the advantages which the Americans possessed for the discussion of the issue.

Lord Granville again declined to reply, but said if the motion was made for a prolongation of the English case 18 months would be laid before the House. A motion was accordingly made and adopted.

NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—Messrs. Henry Clews & Co., of this city, to-day cable advices from their London house of Clews, Habicht & Co., Government agents, confirming the recovery of American securities from the decline in values occasioned by the recent panic, and adding, also, that the violent denunciation of the American Government by the English Ministry generally as a reprobate throughout London financial circles, and that a conciliatory feeling is manifested by the public at large, which will, no doubt, result in a demand for a change in the Ministry. There is now no cause for the apprehension which has been so prevalent.

FRANCE.

LONDON, Feb. 13.—The Franco-German Postal Convention has been signed by the respective Governments who are parties thereto.

PARIS, Feb. 13.—The elections in the Department Nord, for a member to the National Assembly, were attended with great disorder, and numerous conflicts occurred between the opposing parties.

It is rumored that an interview between the Czar and Emperor of Brazil has been arranged to take place at Nice.

GREAT BRITAIN.

LONDON, Feb. 13.—The Prince of Wales is at Osborne where he is confined in front of the royal family. He goes out daily, but his strength is not been sufficiently restored to permit of an immediate visit to London.

Five thousand pounds have been subscribed towards the fund to defray the expenses of the proposed reception in honor of Dr. Livingstone.

The Right Hon. John Evelyn Denison, late Speaker of the House of Commons, is gazetted as Viscount Ossington. He appeared in the House of Lords this evening, and, after the session had been administered, took his seat as a Peer.

The small-pox is pronounced epidemic at Edinburgh.

ITALY.

ROME, Feb. 13.—Minister Jay, of Austria, arrived here yesterday to meet the King and Queen, both of whom were presented to King Victor Emanuel, who gave them a cordial reception.

The Pope will soon appoint from an encyclical letter on the subject of public instruction and its relations with the Church and State.

ROME, Feb. 13.—General Sherman will stay in Rome until the 20th. General Sherman proceeds to Naples, whence he will sail for the Crimea. He will afterward go to the Holy Land.

The General, accompanied by Lieutenant Grant, had an audience with Prince Humbert to-day, and were most cordially received.

INDIA.

LONDON, Feb. 13.—Telegrams from Bombay announce that the assassination of the Earl of Mayo causes an intense excitement in India. In Calcutta and Bombay the assassination is the general theme of conversation. All business was suspended.

PORTUGAL.

LISBON, Feb. 13.—An earthquake occurred here last night. The shocks, however, were slight, and no serious damage is reported.

SPAIN.

MADRID, Feb. 13.—The Government invites tenders for the construction and laying of a telegraph cable between Spain and the Canaries, to be extended to some Spanish possession in America.

PERSIA.

LONDON, Feb. 13.—Despatches from Teheran state that the famine in Persia continues with unabated fury, many persons dying daily.

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I will sell the following Real Estate at 20 per cent less than actual value, if you want great bargains, with lots, on best Park-av., south of Twenty-seventh st., cast front, on easy terms. Also a two-story house, 30x50 feet, basement 7 rooms, with lot 50x125 feet, on corner of Twenty-first and Paulina sts., in the manufacturing district. Splendid chance for any party to keep a boarding house; applications every day for board; a good, well-finished barn belonging with house, 24x26. All of the above will be sold at a bargain. Apply at 204 Twenty-sixth st., corner Burnside, for three days.

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SOCIETY MEETINGS.

NOTICE.

The new order of U. O. A. H. will meet on Saturday evening, Feb. 17, 1872, at the corner of Twelfth and Waller sts. All members are requested to attend.

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Statement of President White Concerning the Sale of Coupon Orders.

Result of Interviews with New York Brokers and Bankers.

Eastern Capitalists Willing to Take Our Warrants at a Slight Discount.

The Finance Committee Directed to Dispose of $200,000 Worth of County Coupon Bonds.

Interesting Communication from a County Engineer.

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THE PROSECUTION OF APPEAL CASES.

Commissioner Harrison, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following report:

GENTLEMEN: Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the resolution of Commissioners Scully and Sitchcock, relative to the propriety of employing counsel to prosecute appeal cases, and to advise the officers of the county, having had the same under advisement, beg leave to report: That the records being destroyed, they are unable to ascertain the average amount lost by the county for the last five years from the failure to prosecute appeals. They would report, however, that for the year 1870, from $10,000 to $12,000 was lost by reason of refusal of judgment for informality of proceedings, and from $6,000 to $50,000 was appealed. For the year 1869, $15,000 or $20,000, half of it from judgments which were refused and appeals taken. Your Committee, from information and personal knowledge, believe that the mass of the amount lost to the county by refusal of judgment might have been saved had the county been represented by a competent person, who could have advised the Assessors and Supervisors as to the proper steps to be taken in making assessments, and in making levies. The Board of County Commissioners will have to cause two assessments and two levies to be made during the current year. In order to take we may make will be taken advantage of by shrewd lawyers to defeat the collection of taxes.

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Commissioner Harrison opposed the resolution. If the Board considered it a measure, they would see its impropriety. A large portion of the orders were in the hands of men who had purchased them at a discount. In a few days money enough could be put into the Treasury to pay all the indebtedness. He hoped that before such a step he would borrow money from bankers—from $100,000 to $500,000—on the order of the Board, at 10 per cent interest.

Commissioner Crawford said if the money could be borrowed at 10 per cent he would withdraw his resolution.

Commissioner Harrison replied that money had been offered at that rate of interest.

Commissioner White remarked that there had been a direct offer for the county bonds—for half a million, or any sum that was to be disposed of—at 9 per cent interest.

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Commissioner Crawford wanted to know how the bankers were to be secured.

The Chairman replied that all that would be necessary would be a certified copy of a resolution authorizing the Finance Committee to make a loan.

Commissioner White did not see any reason in paying 10 per cent for money when it could be got for 9 per cent.

Commissioner Stearns moved that the Finance Committee be directed to dispose of $150,000 of the bonds at once, if they can, at an interest not greater than 9 per cent.

Commissioner White was of the opinion that the county ought to procure the money. At least $150,000 was needed at once. He would like to support the motion of Commissioner Stearns, with the proviso that, in case the Board was unable to obtain the sum needed, they be authorized to obtain it in this city at the best rate of interest they can, not exceeding 10 per cent. He did not think 10 per cent should be paid when money could be had for 9 per cent. He offered as an amendment "that the Finance Committee be authorized to procure the money at the best rate of interest they can, not exceeding 10 per cent, if they fail to get it at the figure mentioned as such."

Commissioner Harrison embodied the amendment in his resolution, and made some other alterations, and submitted it again. It read as follows:

Resolved, That the Finance Committee be directed to dispose of the coupon bonds of Cook County, dated Jan. 1, 1872, to the an ount of $200,000, at a rate not less than 9 per cent, not exceeding interest agreed upon by her, that if they fail to dispose of such orders within fifteen days from this date, they be directed to negotiate a loan, on such orders, to such amount, with any bank or bankers in Chicago, for a term not to exceed six months, and at a rate of interest not to exceed ten per cent per annum; and for such temporary loan the Clerk be directed to issue orders in such sums as the Finance Committee may direct, not to exceed the said sum of $200,000, such orders to be also signed by the Cook County Treasurer.

Commissioner Harrison had every reason to believe that the bonds would bring par; therefore, it was unnecessary to sell now more than the amount named. If, however, the sum raised was not sufficient, the remainder of the bonds could be sold.

The other resolution and the amendments to it being withdrawn, the resolution of Commissioner Harrison was unanimously adopted.

SALARIES OF COMMISSIONERS.

The Commissioners then indulged in a discussion about the amount they are to receive for their services.

Commissioner Stearns said they were elected with the understanding that they were to receive $2 a day, and ought not to ask for any more.

Commissioner Harrison remarked that there was no provision in existence stating the compensation to be received by the members of the Board. There were two ways to fix the matter—by one being that the Legislature could fix it, and the other that the Board had the power to decide upon the amount.

Commissioner Stearns did not believe in raising the per diem. If it was made $3 a day the Board would become demoralized, as all the hungry hot-summers would seek to become Commissioners for the sake of the emoluments of the office.

Commissioner Stearns thought the Legislature ought to be asked to raise the salary to juror's fees—more by allowing mileage.

Commissioner Harrison imagined if that was done all the Commissioners would become Aldermen.

Commissioner Ashton thought the Board was competent to fix the compensation of its members. He did not think $8 a day would be an excessive compensation. He did not like the idea of the Board of Commissioners going to the Legislature to ask for the fixing of the salaries of the officers, which would have to be taken in making assessments, and in making levies. The Board of County Commissioners will have to cause two assessments and two levies to be made during the current year. In order to take we may make will be taken advantage of by shrewd lawyers to defeat the collection of taxes.

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Interesting Communication from a County Engineer.

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THE PROSECUTION OF APPEAL CASES.

Commissioner Harrison, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following report:

GENTLEMEN: Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the resolution of Commissioners Scully and Sitchcock, relative to the propriety of employing counsel to prosecute appeal cases, and to advise the officers of the county, having had the same under advisement, beg leave to report: That the records being destroyed, they are unable to ascertain the average amount lost by the county for the last five years from the failure to prosecute appeals. They would report, however, that for the year 1870, from $10,000 to $12,000 was lost by reason of refusal of judgment for informality of proceedings, and from $6,000 to $50,000 was appealed. For the year 1869, $15,000 or $20,000, half of it from judgments which were refused and appeals taken. Your Committee, from information and personal knowledge, believe that the mass of the amount lost to the county by refusal of judgment might have been saved had the county been represented by a competent person, who could have advised the Assessors and Supervisors as to the proper steps to be taken in making assessments, and in making levies. The Board of County Commissioners will have to cause two assessments and two levies to be made during the current year. In order to take we may make will be taken advantage of by shrewd lawyers to defeat the collection of taxes.

The report was accepted.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The Chairman understood that the Committee on Finance had a statement to make in regard to the manner of raising funds.

Commissioner Harrison said that, as the President had been East and had looked into the matter, it would be better to hear his statement.

The President (Mr. White) then left the chair (Commissioner Ashton taking it) and addressed the Board as follows:

MR. CHAIRMAN: In accordance with the invitation of Commissioner Harrison, a member of the Finance Committee, I will state, for the information of the Board, the result of my visit to the East, at the request of the Finance Committee, I undertook to ascertain at what price the coupon orders, to the amount of $200,000, which were to be issued the 5th day of January, I believe, could be sold. I made some inquiry in New York and Philadelphia among parties, and found that it was practicable to place them at a figure which would be equal to ten per cent per annum interest, provided I could make the coupon orders, having two years and a half to run, being the same thing as ten per cent interest. I found a disposition on the part of bankers, at that figure, but at a figure which would equal 8 1-2 per cent, including commissions and all. This was the highest figure I could get, and I believe that I had for any portion of them. This offer was for the whole, or for what we desire to dispose of up to half a million of dollars.

As was about leaving New York, however, I fell in with a broker who deals largely with people in New England, and especially in Boston, and who knows about going there for the purpose of negotiating securities. At my request he said he would make inquiry and see what he could do. I have received two letters from him, one the day before yesterday requesting a copy of the proceedings of the Board in relation to the issue of these coupon orders, and the other one to-day. His letter of to-day reads in this manner:

I have had several interviews with capitalists who were friendly to me, and they spoke encouragingly of the prospect of placing the warrants at par or a slight discount.

He counts the addition of the commission, which would be 1 per cent, as if they were placed at par under his meaning. It would be in fact 99 per cent, after deducting 1 per cent. He goes on to say that he has not yet had the documents relating to the proceedings of the Board. He says there is plenty of money there, and thinks they can place them at a figure, and refers me to several first-class financial houses in Boston as entering into the negotiating with. I also received a telegram from him to-day, asking if the proceedings of the Board—that is the resolution that he referred to—had been forwarded, which I answered, telling him they had.

I presume in the course of two or three days[?] shall have from him more direct information as to what price the coupon orders will bring in Boston, but I may be mistaken. I am clear, in about this: That they can be sold in New York and Boston at a figure which would be equal to 9 per cent, and that no doubt better than can be done. They may be sold at a price a shade higher, but I think it is quite sure that they can be disposed of at that figure. I think it would be proper to authorize the Finance Committee to sell them at that.

While I am on my feet, I will ask the Board to indulge me in saying one word in regard to the proposition made to the Legislature, asking authority to issue bonds to the amount of the present indebtedness of the count and other purposes. I quite concur in the propriety of doing that, with one exception, and that is in the matter of speaking of it because I was not present when the action was taken, and, while I shall defer to the judgment of those who were present, I say so for the wil of the majority of the Board. I still think, as I thought when the proposition was up before that we have not a valid reason for putting into long bonds, having ten or twenty years to run, any portion of the indebtedness which is the accumulated current expenses of the year 1871 or 1872. It is true we ought to be as light in the way of taxation as the people think they can be, and as we can be, but I do not think that there is any economy. I think it is very bad financiering, and, so far as my information is concerned, I believe I have it distinctly understood that I do not parties in the opinion of those members of the Board who do not agree to it that it is very improper to fund current expenses, and pay another 100 per cent in the shape of interest, during the next fifteen or twenty years, upon the amount as it now exists. I think that it would be the best thing—the best financiering, and the honestest way in sense to the people of the county to fund any portion of its indebtedness which is not strictly current expenses. That, I think, would be best; that would be due to the tax-payers,—to make it as light as we can, and so far as they are the existing current expenses now, they ought to be paid by the current taxes levied. I believe it to be the intent of the law—the intent of the Constitution—that our county shall pay the expenses as it goes along. The whole spirit of the law, so far as I am informed about it, contemplates that and nothing else; and if we establish the precedent of funding our current expense, there is no knowing to what extremity it may be carried hereafter by persons who may be in the management of affairs, and I am for the same thing for purposes that are not for the public welfare.

I am in no desire to be tedious and occupy the time of the Board, or to attempt to debate the proposition, which is unpleasant for any person, or which may seem to them unnecessary to debate; but I must explicitly disagree in any participation in the proposition to ask the Legislature to allow us to fund in long bonds our current expenses, upon which we are to pay interest for the next twenty years. The Finance Committee will correct me if I am wrong.

Commissioner Harrison. You are right.

The President. I desire the Board to take some action, expressive of their views, in regard to the mode of raising funds to meet the existing extravagance of the County Treasury. It is true there are a large number of men throughout the city and county to whom the county is indebted. It is also true that they are making large sacrifices upon the county orders, and it is manifestly our duty to make some immediate provision for paying these creditors, who need the money, many of them, for the support of their families. It is wrong to oblige these men to sell their orders at a large discount when the county honestly owes them money.

REDEMPTION OF COUNTY ORDERS.

Commissioner Stearns wanted the orders paid, and moved that the Board allow 10 per cent interest on all outstanding indebtedness of the county that does not now bear interest, until such times as the County Treasurer advertises that no can redeem the orders.

The Chair declined the motion out of order.

On motion, the rules were suspended so that action could be taken on the resolution.

Commissioner Crawford offered the following:

Resolved, That all orders drawn by the County Clerk upon the County Treasurer, by order of the late Board of Supervisors, and the present Board of Commissioners, bearing interest, shall draw interest at the rate of 10 per cent per annum from the date of their issue, and that the County Treasurer give immediate notice to the County Clerk, whenever sufficient funds have been placed in his hands to pay said orders, and that immediately thereupon the County Clerk shall advertise for two consecutive days in at least three of the papers of the city of Chicago, the fact that there is money to meet said orders, and that they will be paid upon presentation, and that on and after the last day of such advertisement all interest on said orders shall cease.

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UNADULTERATED CHEEK.

Remarkable Proposition by a New Yorker Who Has an "Appreciation of Our Calamity."

As a specimen of pure cheek the subjoined communication is worthy of publication. It appears that the letter was first addressed to Mayor Mason, who very naturally took no notice of it, whereupon the "sympathizer" repeats the proposition to Mayor Medill, thereby showing that his "appreciation of our calamity" still exists. The letter is given below:

OFFICE 12, NO. 27 PARK PLACE, }
NEW YORK, Oct. 12, 1871.

Hon. R. B. Mason, Chicago, Ill.:

DEAR SIR: My appreciation of the calamity which has fallen upon your citizens and city is expressed in the following: If you will forthwith place in my hands $100,000 of the bonds of your municipality, redeemable at not less than five years with interest at 10 per less per cent, payable semi-annually, I will agree to hold them for five years, to pay the semi-annual interest thereon in the meantime, and to return them thereupon. I will further agree to authorize the agent of your city to draw on me during the close of each year, during a decade, for $50,000; this to be set by for sinking fund to the aggregate. This is the measure of my sympathy. The bonds are of course to be drawn in the usual form, and made transferable, like other securities of that class. For you no reference in Chicago, save that my friend, the late Judge A. W. Arrington, Jr., is well known to you. If I refer you to Geo. B. Walter & Sons, 27 Park Place, and to Robert McK. Ormsby, Esq., 119 Broadway. This proposition will remain open exactly four-teen days from date. As it is a matter of charity I forbid its publicity. Truly yours,

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OLD BOOKS.

Lecture by Professor Joseph Sabin at the Michigan Avenue Baptist Church—Books and Book-Making of the Ancients.

The eminent bibliographer, Joseph Sabin, of New York, delivered a lecture on "Books," at the Michigan Avenue Baptist Church, last evening. Owing to the intense cold weather, but very few people attended, the ante-room of the church being about half full. The lecturer is a talented gentleman, and probably knows as much about books as any man in the United States. His remarks, however, though very amusing at times, did not keep his hearers warm, the biting atmosphere penetrating the room, and making the audience shiver. The usual quantity of heat issued from the registers, but there was an excess of cold air in the room, and every one was uncomfortable. They stood it manfully to the end. The lecture was more antiquarian than anything else, being of interest to only those who are interested in the collection of rare and curious books. He spoke of the illuminated books of the middle ages, which were written many hundred years before the discovery of printing, and exhibited *fac similes* of some of the works. One of them, a book of prayer, was 1,000 years old. It is written in Latin, the writing being as fine as type, and must have been the labor of years. He also exhibited a fac simile of the earliest printed, and showed one printed in Mexico a hundred years before printing was introduced into Massachusetts. The history of these books was of enormous sums, he having paid $675 for one of them —a very rare work, which was worth now much more than that. Then he spoke of the history of the earliest books printed in this country, which will be exhibited to the audience. He referred to the advance in the art of printing, which was made by symbols, calling attention to the tables of Moses, the first that are known; next came the hieroglyphics of the Egyptians, and the pressed bricks of the Babylonians. The books of the ancient Romans were written on wax cloth, revolving engaged in making them, just as the slaves in the South made sugar before the war, and their masters sold them for their weight. The lecture had been found with leather straps around them, on which were characters, telling, doubtless, who the document were. These documents are the delight of book collectors and publishers in this country and in Europe, and considerable is being done in the way of procuring them. He presented the ancient and curious books for themselves. They did so, and, doubtless, considered that they were repaid for the disturbance cut by having an opportunity to look at old volumes, the like of which some of them, at least, may never see again.

DEATH'S DOINGS.

Dr. Rauch's Weekly Report of Mortality.

An Increase of Twenty-nine Deaths in Seven Days.

Present Aspect of the Small-Pox Epidemic.

Where the Disease Can be Procured—A Warning to the Non-Vaccinated.

The Board of Health held a regular meeting yesterday afternoon in their office in the City Hall. There were present the Hon. Samuel Hoard, Dr. Johnson, and Dr. Rauch. Previous to organizing, the gentlemen huddled into the corner, to have three steam-pipes on two sides of them, and avoid the gale from the windows and doors. The Hon. Samuel Hoard presided.

WEEKLY MORTALITY.

Sanitary Superintendent Rauch presented his usual weekly report. The report showed that the number of deaths for the week ending Feb. 10, 1872, was 187; for the preceding week, 128, showing an increase of 29. Their ages were as follows: Under 1 year, 52; between 1 and 5 years, 10; between 2 and 3 years, 9; between 3 and 4 years, 7; between 4 and 5 years, 2; between 5 and 10 years, 6; between 10 and 20 years, 2; between 20 and 30 years, 23; between 30 and 40 years, 11; between 40 and 50 years, 13; between 50 and 60 years, 7; between 60 and 70 years, 7. Of these 93 were males and 64 females.

WHAT CAUSED IT.

The principal causes of death were as follows: Accidents, 5; brain diseases, 9; consumption, 17; convulsions, 18; diphtheria, 2; fever puerperal, 1; remittent, 1; scarlet, 3; typhoid, 2; inanition, 6; meningitis, 7; pneumonia, 18; small-pox, 15.

There is a decided increase in the number of deaths compared with last week, says the report; in fact, the death-rate has been higher than for the corresponding period since 1865, and for the same time since last September. In 1868 there were 102 deaths; in 1869, 90; in 1870, 120; in 1871, 109; and this week, 187.

HOW IT COMPARES WITH LAST WEEK'S.

An examination of the causes of death show that there were 6 more deaths by accidents than the former week; 2 by consumption; 9 by convulsions; 3 by croup; 4 by inanition; 2 by meningitis; 9 by pneumonia; 3 by small-pox, while there were 6 less by bronchitis; 3 by hydrocephalus, and 3 by congestion of the lungs. Infantile mortality reflect the number by 16, while there was no difference in the number of those that died from 3 to 20, but the greatest increase occurred from 60 to 90, with a slight decrease of those over 90 years. Almost the total increase was among males, while proportionally the greatest increase was among those born in the United States and in Chicago of native parentage. Ward mortality shows an increase in the Seventh, Eighth, Tenth, Twelfth, Fourteenth, Sixteenth, and Seventeenth Wards, while there was a decrease in the Third, Sixth, Ninth, Eleventh, Thirteenth, and Fifteenth Wards, the greatest changes occurring in the Seventh and Tenth Wards. The death-rate was highest in the Seventh and lowest in the Thirteenth Ward.

ABOUT SMALL-POX.

Hospital mortality increased proportionately, particularly in the County Mercy and Small-Pox Hospitals. The number of deaths in the Small-Pox Hospital was as great as for any week during the whole epidemic. Dr. Rauch said he was informed by Officer Dan Wertbora, presently Dray clerk, in the Cook County Hospital, has told Mr. John Anderson, nurse in the Small-Pox Hospital, that he would loan $250 to receive $250—from Mr. C. J. Thomas, for the service rendered him by Timothy Sullivan, who is supposed that Mr. Flo Le Wer-hern said he was striking his pocket that he had said $25 in there. If there should be any Dombs-soft[?] think an examination of his case the rest. *Second.* When took charge of the service of Cook County Hospital, the boiler inspector, Mr. Trimball, was requested by me, to inspect the boiler in the presence of Mr. Z. Thomas, Mr. Trimball, Mr. Thomas, and myself. Mr. E. J. Thomas, whether the boiler was clean or not. Mr. Trimball replied to the inquiries of Mr. Thomas that the boiler was clean, and that after it had taken charge of the engine I opened the boiler and cleaned it, and called his attention to the same as the back of his hand by Mr. J. S. Thomas I took two wheelbarrows at two hour beat, behalf of first and third ward, and Mr. Thomas, if I refer you to Geo. B. Walter & Sons, 27 Park Place, and to Robert McK. Ormsby, Esq., 119 Broadway. This proposition will remain open exactly four-teen days from date. As it is a matter of charity I forbid its publicity. Truly yours,

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VICTIMS INVITED.

Young Jim Cook *alias* James Fitzgerald, Captured by Pinkerton—Victims Invited to Interview the Prisoner.

Those jewellers, bankers, hatters, grocers, livery-stable keepers, furriers, dry goods merchants, and others who have been victimized by "Jim" Cook, *alias* James Fitzgerald, are requested to meet that very cheeky young gentleman at the West Side Police station at 9 o'clock this morning, and prefer their charges against him for theft, robbery, or whatever they may have in the presence of being Captain James Fitzgerald's son. About fifty victims are expected, among them Hayner & Co., Niles Brothers, Kellen, Lambert & Co., Cuthbert & Co., Avery Bros., A. W. Palne, C. H. Bukwith, Dond & Guth, J. M. Harvey, A. C. Ilsworth, McKentie, the barber; Tong Long Tea Company, Bassett & Hammond, Wilson Bros., A. H. Mears, and Sears, the gunsmith.

"Jim" Cook was captured yesterday morning by Pinkerton's police, and is now patiently waiting for some of his victims to prefer charges against him. He looks remarkably well in the cell, and contributed by some of his sensible friends; is perfectly resigned to his fate, and hopes to meet some of his old chums in the penitentiary very soon.

Master Cook is about 19 or 20, and has been out of Bridewell about six weeks, during which time he has obtained a large amount of goods, generally representing himself as Captain Fitzgerald's son, and using either a forged order of Fitzgerald's, or, by his charming address, managed to wheedle many sharp merchants out of such things as he fancied. He has been in prison at St. Louis, and is very proud of a bullet wound in his arm inflicted by a police officer of that city. Here he was considered quite a genius among the thieves, and would soon have risen to be a leader among them if his luck had not failed him so suddenly.

Cod Liver Oil.

Hazard & Caswell's Cod Liver Oil is the best.

GOSSIP ABOUT GOSSIPERS.

Miss Edgarton at the Union Park Congregational Church.

An Entertaining Lecture on a Familiar Subject.

Male Gossips and Female Gossips—Good Gossip and Bad Gossip.

Miss Lilian Edgarton delivered her new lecture entitled "Gossip," last evening, at the Union Park Congregational Church. The audience was one of the best of the season. Miss Edgarton was dressed in a black silk, cut with train. She wore no jewelry, her only ornament being a plain lace collar fastened at the throat by a small bow. She said that as nothing escapes talk, why should not talk be talked about? Why should not those who talked about other people be spoken of themselves? The talkers have found bliss in discoursing about us, and she did not see why a comfortable hour might not be spent in talking about them. They have canvassed the dinners of woman and the price thereof, the improprities of her girlhood, the joys of her motherhood, and the sorrows of her widowhood. Surely there might be some interest in inquiring why they do this, and the good they derived from it. Nor could it be wholly profitless to ascertain if there could not be found for Mrs. Grundy a more useful occupation than to peer into the peculiarities of the apparatus. Dr. Rauch made exactly the same statement. Ozone was generated by passing moist atmospheric air over phosphorus. The air was then thoroughly washed to rob it of all taint of phosphoric acid.

Colonel Foster would like to learn how ozone was produced from oxygen by that simple process.

Prof. C. Gilbert Wheeler said there was probably no substance in nature which

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

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TUESDAY EVENING, Feb. 13.

There has not been a change in the prices or prospects of gold, bonds, stocks, grain, or provisions generally, for the last two days. In the local markets business is dull, and, financially, local affairs are extremely dull. Money is abundant, and the demand rather light.

Exchange was sold between banks to-day at from one per $1,000 discount to par. At the counter, bankers sell at par and buy at 1-10 discount.

There is scarcely any movement in currency, either to or from the country, in connection with the

CITY TO NEW YORK.

There is, perhaps, nothing which attracts so little attention in proportion to its importance, as the fluctuating character of the schemes of about half a dozen of the great railroad corporations of the United States. For instance, there were comparatively few persons, even in Chicago, who knew until they read of it in THE TRIBUNE of Feb. 1, that our own Chicago & Northwestern Company are extending their new lines northward and northwest, building over a hundred miles of new road within a little over two years, and reducing the distance to connection with the Northern Pacific as will make that road in reality Chicago's road. The Pennsylvania Railroad Company has effected a great deal of attention by the magnitude of its plans for controlling a large proportion of the whole railroad business of the United States, but it is questionable whether the public yet have any adequate conception of the vast scheme of ramifications all closely dull at the time at first at first sight of the contest between the Baltimore & Ohio Company and the Pennsylvania Company, for the control of the principal railroads of the South. But the projects of the latter company are not confined to any particular section of the country; they include the whole continent, and its policy reaches out to foreign ports. Recently this ubiquitous Pennsylvania Company has taken steps to establish a line of steamers from Liverpool to Cardiff in Wales, for the purpose of making a strong competition with the New York and Liverpool lines. Several months ago we gave some account of the proposed new line of trans-continental railroad from Halifax to San Francisco. The Philadelphia *Ledger* says that all these various projects mean evil to New York. The new lines of railroad being built by the Pennsylvania Company, as well as those being projected under its control in various parts of the country, are intended to cut off the trade of New York with the interior, and the new lines of steamships, one from Halifax to Liverpool, and another from Jersey City to Cardiff, are intended to divert the foreign trade of New York to other cities, early to Halifax, Boston, and Montreal, and partly through Jersey City to Philadelphia.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company, which is under the control of the Pennsylvania Company, has recommended the Congressional delegation of that State to oppose the action of the Baltimore & Ohio Company in the matter of the Northern Central Railroad. The Baltimore & Ohio Company has already declared these restrictions, as between the States, unconstitutional; but, aside from this decision, the whole matter is illegal.

Legislation is to exclude "commercial travellers" from any State, by making them pay high taxes, and to exclude the products of their employers carried into the relations of the States to each other. It is only another form of the stupid legislation which has been attempted to protect the borrower of money by enacting usury laws, and, as in the case of our own Legislature lately in Illinois, enacting that no more property holder by taxing money, or floating capital. All these expedients react upon the people who permit their enactment. The commercial travellers are taxed out of any State, the people of the State will have to pay a higher price for goods to their local merchants. If usury laws are enacted, the borrowers of money have to pay not only the world's price for money, regardless of the rate fixed by law, but an additional sum in consideration of the risk incurred by the lender in the infraction of the law. If the Legislature could make a tax on money, such as is proposed in Illinois, it would only increase the rate of interest on money to the exact amount of the tax, and the whole tax would thus come out of the doubly taxed real property at last.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Quotations for buying and selling Government securities and local stocks and bonds, as near as the same are furnished by Messrs. Lunt, Preston & Kean, as follows:

	Buying.	*Selling.*
U. S. 6s of '81	114	115
U. S. 5-20s of '62	110½	111
U. S. 5-20s of '64 (coupled)	110½	111
U. S. 5-20s of '65	110½	111
U. S. 5-20s of '65, Jan. and July	110½	111
U. S. 5-20s of '67, Jan. and July	110½	111
U. S. 5-20s of '68, Jan. and July	110½	111
U. S. 10-40s	110½	111
U. S. currency 6s	109½	110
U. S. 6s (new issue)	108½	109
Northern Pacific gold 7-30s	100 & int.	
City 7s	109	110
Cook County 7s	100½	102
Gold exchange		110½
Sterling exchange (sight or draft)	109½@110	
Gold and gold coupons	110	110½
Gold warrants, 1868	175	185
Gold warrants, 1869	169	173
Agricultural College land scrip		173-175

COMMERCIAL.

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The following were the receipts and shipments of flour, grain, and produce for the past twenty four hours:

	Received.	*Shipped.*
Flour, bbls	3,041	3,866
Wheat, bu	7,313	12,972
Corn, bu	39,705	28,377
Oats, bu	31,150	7,320
Rye, bu	1,925	1,409
Barley, bu	1,000	1,000
Grass seed, lbs	213,020	50,238
Timothy seed, lbs		22,680
Broom corn, lbs	47,340	46,610
Provisions, lbs	197,000	259,360
Pork, bbls	65	234
Lard, bbls	322	1,356
Cut meats, lbs	85,220	101,940
Tallow, lbs	38,710	36,440
Butter, lbs	27,100	44,903
Cheese, lbs	4,400	27,540
Eggs, doz	4,439	3,018
Cattle, No	1,420	2,075
Sheep, No	804	1,014
Hogs, No	11,060	106,157
Live poultry, lbs	411	230
Dressed hogs, lbs		8,640
Hides, lbs	3,450	994
Leather, lbs	1,000	1,875
Coal, lb	448	
Lumber, m	350	600

Withdrawn yesterday for city consumption 1,000 bu wheat; 250 bu oats; 705 bu rye; 875 bu barley.

The following grain has been inspected into store up to 10 o'clock this morning: 2 cars wheat; 6 cars corn; 2 cars oats; 2 cars barley. Total, 12 cars, or 15,000 bu.

The produce markets were irregular to-day, prices being dull, while breadstuffs were more active, and generally higher in price, under a good demand.

Highwines were steady at the same price as yesterday, holders insisting on 87½c, while 87c was the figure bid. Sales were reported of 250 brls at 87½c, and the market closed at 87½@87¾c.

Flour and feed were quiet at about the prices as yesterday. The market opened strong in sympathy with higher prices buidding in the East, but the demand was light, with holders of low grades firm, while those of high grades were weak. The market weakened to suit the advance, and the close was dull and heavy, closing at $4 75 for No. 3 spring, and $5 for No. 2 spring. Sales were made of 2,425 barrels. Lake freights were dull and inactive, vessels wanted, and the local shop has made it impossible to charter vessels in the river, and grain owners do not care to charter for anything in the shop hope for. Rates are nominal. The fast-to-day interfered with the filling of cars on track, as there is no place to put them, parties stand ready to buy if they can run vessels along side the elevators, and receive the grain as transferred directly from the cars. Receipts were very quiet, with no important change in prices. Meas pork was held a little more firmly, early, owing to another advance in the price of live hogs, but buyers did not want to pay an advance, nor did they seem to want it at any price, and quotations could not be obtained at a higher price than yesterday. Lard was dull and averaged a shade easier. Meats were in fair demand, but steadily holders not urging their property on the market. All kinds of buyers seemed inclined to hold on till the great problem of supply is nearer a solution. The closing was the closing range of quotations: Mess pork, cash or seller February, $14 00 bid; do seller March, $12.52½; do seller April, $13.75@12 80; do seller May, $13 00; do seller year, $13 00 bid. Lard, cash or seller February, $8.80; do seller March, $8.87½; do seller April, $9.02½@9 02½; do seller May, $9.17½@9 20. Bulk meats, cash or seller February, $8 80; do seller March, $8.87½; do seller April, $9.02½@9 02½; do seller May, $9.17½@9 20. Dry salted shoulders at 4½@4½c for shoulders; 5½c for short clear; 6½@6¾c for hams. Sweet pickled meats at 4½@4½c for shoulders; 5½c for short clear. Boxed meats in better than quotations for loose. Boxed Cumberlands, sweet pickled hams, 8½@8¾c. Bacon quoted at 6½@6¾c for shoulders; 8½@8¾c for short clear, and 11c for hams. Smoked meats, $8.75@9.00; extra mess beef, $9.50@9.75; first quality do, $10.50@11.00. Lard, tierces, sales were reported of 1,250 brls at 9c, cash and seller the month, at $9 12½; seller March at $9 17½; seller April at $9 22½; seller May at $9 27½; 200 brls do, cash and seller the month, at $9 12½; 200 brls do, seller March at $9 17½; 200 brls do, seller April at $9 22½; 500 brls do at $9 27½; 100 brls do, cash at $9 12½; 200 brls do, seller March at $9 17½; 200 brls do, seller April at $9 22½; 500 brls do, seller May at $9 27½; 100 brls do, seller April at $9 22½; 500 brls do, seller May at $9 27½; 100 brls do, cash at $9 12½; 500 brls do, seller May at $9 27½; 100 brls do, seller April at $9 22½; 250

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THE CHICAGO RELIEF BILL AND ITS ENEMIES.

The so-called protective tariff is the foul fiend of American politics to-day—as much so as slavery was ten years ago. Like slavery, it is bottomed in part upon prejudice, but its inspiration is the desire to live and prosper by the labor of others. Just now its fangs are sticking in the vitals of Chicago. The bill to remit the duties on imported building materials used in the burnt district has been solicited by the tariff-plunderers as something to be resisted at all hazards. The bill passed the House unanimously, and the Senate with only six dissenting votes. The whole fraternity took alarm, and rushed to Washington, in person or by proxy, to stop it. Here is Chicago, struggling with the small percentage of her insurance to rebuild her desolated acres: Twenty thousand families are trying, with the scanty means left from the fire, to erect new dwellings over their heads. The commerce trade of Chicago has been deprived of its warehouses, stores, and salesrooms; her manufactures have been temporarily driven from the mills and workshops; to resume her vocations the city is bravely, yet under the most adverse circumstances, endeavoring to erect the necessary buildings. To do this requires the expenditure of many millions of dollars, and every cent added to the cost of the materials is that much taken from the pittance rescued from the fire. The House of Representatives suspended for one year certain taxes by which the cost of these materials is increased from 30 to 60 per cent. The Senate passed the same bill, but, from the high-tariff ring, and from a few rival cities, there went on to Washington an appeal that the tax should be maintained, and that the stricken people of Chicago should be compelled to pay, not to the Government, but to private individuals, the tax of 30 to 60 per cent on building materials; whereupon the Senate arrested the bill, and has reconsidered it. Carpenter and Ferry have stoned for their former generous votes by bitter assaults upon this city.

It may be well to state, as part of the history of this bill, that the price of common lumber has advanced in Chicago from 35 to 40 per cent, and that the mill-owners are sending their lumber here by rail at the rate of 1,000,000 feet per day, and dealing it out to our necessitous people at this immense advance over the prices of November. The glass-makers and the iron-founders of Pittsburgh object to the bill; the iron-makers of St. Louis and Cincinnati object; they say here is one of those cases for which they have long been waiting; here are $150,000,000 to be expended in lumber, furniture, paints, oils, glass, iron, bricks, marble, and other materials; under the tariff, from 30 to 60 per cent more can be had for these articles than if the tariff is suspended; and they protest against being "robbed" of the spoils to be secured from the rebuilding of Chicago. At the demand of these vampires the American Senate quailed; they recalled their votes of a fortnight ago, and now bid the plunderers take what they can find from the poor and needy and stricken people of Chicago.

We are aware that this desire to extort money from our people is the result of human selfishness, which is not bounded by geographical lines, and that some of our own people are opposing the relief asked for. Senator Ferry, of Michigan, voted for the bill in the first instance, and now shows, in explanation of his opposition, a letter from one of the principal almoners of the world's charity, praying that the relief be not extended. Mr. Wirt Dexter might tell Mr. Ferry that, since he has been at the head of the Relief and Aid Society, to distribute the noble contributions of the world to feed the hungry and give shelter to the homeless and houseless, a very large share of the money has been expended for the ordinary staple kinds of lumber; that at present the Shelter Committee are paying from 30 to 40 per cent more for this lumber than ever before; that the lumber-dealers are reaping a harvest wholly unprecedented; that there is a million or two of relief funds yet available for lumber; and that to suspend the tax would be an interference with God's Providence, which probably sent the Chicago fire for the benefit of those who deal in lumber. But, as Mr. Dexter is a logician as well as a lumber-manufacturer, we presume he put his objections to the bill on more tenable grounds. Mr. Ferry, who is himself one of the largest dealers in lumber in the country, further explains his change of front by reading a letter from S. W. Blatchford & Co., remonstrating against the bill. This very respectable firm are manufacturers of linseed oil. Their works were not destroyed by the fire. Alone, almost, among the manufacturers, they are prepared to furnish all the oil needed. Forty thousand buildings are to be erected, requiring paint and varnish, affording a home market for linseed oil never before known. One of the last official acts of that lamented statesman, General Schenck, was to have the tax on linseed oil increased to 30 cents per gallon or over 50 per cent *ad valorem*. This increase in tax, like the fire itself, seemed providential; and, of course, these gentlemen write to Mr. Ferry praying him not to defeat the ways of Providence by suspending the tax, and enabling the Chicago sufferers to get their paint and varnish and their linseed oil 50 per cent cheaper than Messrs. Blatchford & Co., under the Schenck bill, will charge for it. We can hardly complain of the protest of some small glass factory, in some small town remote from Chicago, when these representative men of the city throw themselves between the homeless, suffering people, demanding to be paid their special bounty before they will permit a stick of timber to be erected or a paint-brush applied to the future homes of the burnt-out people.

The people of Chicago appeal from Senators Ferry and Carpenter, from Wirt Dexter and Mr. Blatchford, to the country, and ask whether the people of this city shall be required to pay these men these extortionate prices before this city shall be rebuilt?

Collector Forney's letter of resignation shows very clearly that the office of Collector of the Port had been given to him with the expectation that it would secure his influence as the editor of the Philadelphia *Press*, and as one of the leading politicians of Pennsylvania. Prior to his appointment, Colonel Forney was outspoken in complaining of the personal system pursued by the Administration in Pennsylvania. This system consisted in recognizing anybody and everybody as Republicans who advocated General Grant's renomination. It thus placed the President in the councils of certain persons in Eastern Pennsylvania who were Democrats during the war and Johnsonites subsequently, while overlooking the entire Union League of Philadelphia, and the men to whose aid the Republican party owed its success in the State.

The appointment was made unexpectedly to Mr. Forney, and because this class of advisers saw that it was necessary to bolster up the Grant factions in Pennsylvania, if they did not wish it to dwindle down to the number of Cameron's immediate supporters. As the office was thrown at Mr. Forney without the solicitation or knowledge of his friends, as an admission of the value of his support, his resignation of it indicates that the motives for which it was conferred have failed of success.

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATION.

The second day's investigation of the alleged abuses in the Fire Department only adds to the weight of the testimony taken on the first day, and confirms the impression that the Department is in a state of utter demoralization. Not only is discipline—the first element of success—wanting, but the property of citizens is thereby constantly exposed to loss. The evidence shows that fires have been grossly mismanaged, owing to disobedience of orders issued by the Fire Marshal. His commands seem to have been held in utter contempt by the Sweeney clique, so-called, and every fireman on the force has obeyed or disobeyed them at his own personal pleasure. There is also positive testimony that certain firemen have stolen articles of clothing, and that they have interfered with the working of engines to bring blame upon the Fire Marshal. The Sweeney clique has operated against him in every possible manner, even if disobedience involved the destruction of property. The existence of a Fire Department in such a state of insubordination will be a positive bar to the operations of the new fire ordinance, and not only that, but it places property in constant jeopardy.

From the energetic manner in which this investigation has been conducted, and from the publicly-expressed determination of Commissioner Talcott, we may reasonably infer that he and Commissioner Rehm are resolved to reorganize the Department upon an effective basis, even if they have to disband it and commence *de novo*. In accomplishing this result, there are three things which it is imperatively necessary to do:

1. The clique known as the Sweeney clique, which is shown to exist in the Department by the almost unanimous testimony of the witnesses, must be eradicated. Its existence is a constant and alarming menace to the public safety. It must be broken up, and the Department must be so reconstructed as to render such combinations impossible in future. To facilitate such a result, appointments to responsible positions must be made solely upon the ground of personal fitness. Favoritism, political or otherwise, must not be allowed to influence the choice of Marshals, or even the hiring of subordinates. The only qualifications for such positions should be courage, coolness, skill, sobriety, and obedience. The office of Fire Marshal is one of the most responsible positions in the municipal departments, and no one but a thoroughly competent man should be called upon to fill it.

2. The Fire Marshal, once appointed, must be obeyed to the very letter. His authority must be absolute, and he alone must be held responsible for whatever mismanagement may occur. If he is shown to be incompetent or corrupt, let him be removed; but, as long as he is in authority, let it be understood that he is to be obeyed without question. It is only in this way that any efficient action can be secured. If subordinates are at liberty to disobey orders or to interpret them to suit themselves, the usefulness of the Department is at an end at once, and the safety of property is endangered by the jealousies, quarrels, and cliques which inevitably grow out of such a condition of things. The Department must be made to understand that, as long as Mr. Williams, or any other man, is Marshal, he is supreme in command, and his orders must be obeyed as implicitly as those of a General on the field of battle. If those orders grow out of ignorance or incompetency, the fact will show itself immediately, and he can be removed.

3. The discipline of the Department must be as stringent as military discipline. In London and in many of the Continental cities, firemen are subjected to military regulations with the happiest results. Let them be uniformed and drilled, and kept in perfect working order, and in every way be taught to feel the responsibility of their position, and to foster an *esprit du corps*. Weed out the loafers, vagabonds, and scallawags. Make rowdyism, and intoxication, and ungentlemanly conduct in general, whether on duty or off duty, an immediate disqualification. It is time that the notions of the conventional fireman, whose idea of his profession was to run with the machine, engage in a fight with the first rival he met, and be the hero of all the saloons in his district, were done away with. It is time the fireman understood that he must be a gentleman, not a loafer; that he is paid for attention to duty, not for hanging round saloons and getting up conspiracies against his Chief, and that his first obligation is implicit obedience to orders.

The people of this city have had too sad an experience with the destructiveness of fire to longer tolerate the disgraceful condition into which the Department has fallen, and they look to the Commissioners to exercise the power which has been vested in them. Their authority is ample to give the city a first-class Department, and the city will be content with nothing less.

THE TAMMANY INDICTMENTS.

The mass of facts and testimony which has absorbed the attention of the Anti-Ring Grand Jury in New York for the past month has not been made public. All that we know is, that it has resulted in several indictments each against the most prominent Tammany officers who have ruled the city for twenty years, omitting only Governor Hoffman and Judge Barnard. Also, that it includes robberies of the city amounting to upwards of $20,000,000. The trials of Oakey Hall, Peter B. Sweeny, Wm. M. Tweed, Richard B. Connolly, Andrew J. Garvey, and the rest of these successful rascals, each of whom is worth from two to ten millions of dollars, nearly all made by the corrupt use of political power, will bring to a close the era of judicial as well as of political corruption in that city. Judge G. P. Daly, before whom the trial of Oakey Hall will begin within a fortnight, is an incorruptible gentleman, who has all his life handled the pitch of New York politics without being defiled by it, mingled socially with the elements of all the Rings without being in them, and been periodically re-elected by the Tammany thieves, to give them, as they thought, respectability, but, as they will now find, a Judge to sentence them.

The trials will reverse all the traditions of the New York Courts for fifteen years past. New York lawyers will tremulously venture on the rare ordeal of trying these cases upon the law and evidence, instead of before a back-door Judge and a greased jury. Before a pure Bench and an honest jury, the eloquence and learning of the bar will resume the prestige they have lost since purchased Judges began to sell the orders and judgments of the Court. Yet the conviction of these New York officials under any criminal statute must not be too readily assumed. They have not done their work in the clumsy style of Glade, Busse, and Montgomery. They are a far abler order of rascals. We do not suppose that a direct charge of open bribery could be proved or made against any of these men. The indictments against Hall are essentially for dereliction of duty, in auditing and paying claims without due investigation of the question whether the city had received value for them. This, on its face, seems a very delicate charge. It is difficult to convict a man criminally for mere omissions of duty, where they occur in the transactions of a city which is spending twenty-four millions per annum; whose Mayor signs many thousands of warrants and orders on the information of others, and is absorbed in editing newspapers, and in writing *Humpty Dumpty* and other legdramas. Society moves very rapidly at such points, and the Mayor of New York who does not swear to twenty affidavits without reading them, and sign a hundred warrants without looking at them further than to see that some other officer, who is supposed to understand them, directs him to do so, has not done a very heavy hoot's work.

Yet it is by just these omissions of duty on the part of each officer of the City Government that a municipal Ring is formed. In such a Ring no officer takes anything for himself. He only shuts his eyes when a heavy steal is being made by some one else, with a clear understanding that the rest of the Ring will combine to do the handsome thing for him whenever an opportunity presents. From two to three hundred persons so associated in various official capacities,—some in the City Council, others in the Board of Supervisors, others in the State Legislature, others on the Bench, others at the Bar or as Referees, others in the Boards of Public Works, Supplies, Streets, Repairs, Docks, Health, Police, Sheriff's office, &c., making appointments and awarding contracts,—may accomplish all the results of wholesale bribery by the mere interchange of voluntary and masked favors, without the offering or receiving of a single bribe.

If A, B, C, D, and a dozen more who are members of the City Council, vote that a Court House shall be built of marble from a certain quarry, the motive that actuates them may be that Tweed owns that quarry and will make a million dollars by their vote. But, under the New York system, these votes would be given from a sentiment of the purest generosity,—no witness, Court, or jury being able to show that a promise was made by Tweed of any equivalent. But, when A goes to the Department of Public Works with a proposition to sell the city some stone or gravel for triple the regular price, and when B asks for a salary, without duties, in the Comptroller's office, and when C wants a favorable decision on a street-opening case from a Referee appointed by the King Judge, and when D has an astounding bill for carpets and black-walnut furniture furnished to the City Armories, and when the dozen others have each their mode and plan for getting a fortune for nothing out of the city, they find that the name of Tweed is the *open sesame* to all they want. It passes their bills through the Comptroller's office and the Legislature, through the Board of Audit and of Claims appointed to watch the Council and Legislature, through the Courts and Referees, if they are contested. In a word, the system of New York corruption is merely one of large-hearted, reciprocal, and mutual generosity, in which each agent is munificently engaged in throwing the money of the people at the feet of others, only stopping occasionally to pick up the unsolicited favors that are thrown at his own feet.

Each act of generosity is an exercise of the official discretion of the donor only, and therefore difficult to punish. Can Judge Barnard be indicted for appointing Peter B. Sweeny Receiver of the Erie Railway, or for ordering him to be paid $100,000 as such, when the law leaves it discretionary with the Judge whom he will appoint, and the fee named is a far smaller percentage on the value of the property involved than the law permits Receivers to charge? If a Judge rents a building worth $30,000 a year for a rent of $100,000 to a nest of Referees, to whom he sends references amounting to $300,000 a year, what Court or jury can find that the excess of rent operates as a bribe, or determine what portion of it stains the crimine and what does not?

Amidst this extensive system of mutual generosity, it is possible that some actual bribery has been done. But, if done at all, it must have been in a "superfluity of naughtiness," and not because there was any need of it. Under the "mutual generosity" system, the only charge that could be made against the high-toned and generous dispensers of the people's money would be that now made against Hall, viz.: dereliction of duty in paying the money of the city to others without sufficient investigation.

And now the important and turning-point of these trials will be whether the Court will take a broad and comprehensive view of this system of reciprocal favors, and allow the whole *modus operandi* of the Ring to be exposed. The technicalities of the rules of evidence will probably prevent more than one section of the Ring being brought to light in any one trial. The rest will be ruled out as irrelevant. And without the rest there can be no Ring, and without the Ring no corruption. Still we look hopefully to these trials, because the public opinion which is behind them is moving with a power which neither Judge nor jury can long resist or disregard.

The selection of the Bigelow block for a Post Office site has been effected with a degree of haste which is unseemly, to say the least. The result of the proceedings for the condemnation of the old square was reached on Saturday last, and was communicated to Washington by telegraph. On Monday a decision was arrived at that the price named by the sworn Commissioners as the true value of the property was not "a fair and reasonable price for the ground," and another block was taken at private sale, without any attempt as yet to determine whether the price asked was fair and reasonable or not.

Now, if it shall turn out that half a dozen individuals, more or less, not owners of this Bigelow block, but constituting, so to speak, a "Ring," have arranged to sell this block to the Government for a considerable sum of money over and above what the owners of the land are to receive, then it follows that the price charged for the property is more than a fair and reasonable price for the ground; that is, more than the owners are willing to take for it. This would seem to be mathematically certain.

THE NORTHWEST.

ILLINOIS.

A new jail is being erected at Rockford, at a cost of $40,000.

—Rock Island has reduced its municipal debt $20,000 within the year.

—Mrs. Jackman, of Wilmington, is a native of Maine, 82 years of age, and weighs 180 pounds. She wears a beautiful black moustache and chin whiskers, and has shaved for eight years past.

—The burglar who was shot by General Magee in Peoria, some time ago, and escaped, has been apprehended at Ottawa, where he sent for a surgeon to extract a bullet from his ankle.

—In Rock Island, Davenport, and Moline, there are 22 establishments engaged in the manufacture of cigars, which employ 300 persons, and produce 6,000,000 cigars annually.

—The DuQuoin *Tribune* says that the prospect for an abundant peach crop was never better in that vicinity, at this season of the year, than it is now.

—B. F. Child, of Hardin, died on Saturday, aged 64. He was a native of Massachusetts, and a prominent man in Alton in 1836. He has for many years represented Calhoun County in all the Republican Conventions held at Springfield.

—Henry Rigby, of Augusta Station, Ind., was found dead on the side track of the Hannibal & St. Joseph Railroad, at Quincy, on Saturday evening. The body was terribly mutilated.

IOWA.

The mills at Adell have again been stopped by ash clogging their wheels.

—The Woman's Protective Association of Marshalltown sends threatening letters to wild boys.

—The fifth and last water-span of the new railroad and wagon bridge at Davenport was swung on Saturday afternoon, and will soon be ready for docking. The shore-span on the island, 90 feet long, for railroad only—Mother Earth furnishing the highway—is about ready for the direct one. Why not let the linseed-oil manufacturers make out their estimate, showing how much they ought to have, over and above the value of their oil, and take it direct from the Treasury? Let us have the free materials, and let Mr. Ferry, Mr. Dexter, and Mr. Blatchford be a Commission to make out the bills for the losses sustained by those who claim the vested right to tax the impoverished people of this city, and present it to Secretary Boutwell for payment.

History is repeating itself on a smaller scale. When Luther burned the Papal bull in Germany, Religion was the main interest of all men, and the contest for Home Rule in Religion began. Now, Politics form the question of the day, and the contest for Home Rule in Politics begins with the burning of a Catholic Bishop's public letter in Catholic Ireland. The Bishop of Kerry, said to be the ablest of the Irish dignitaries, has issued to his people, and to Ireland in general, a solemn warning against the movement which seems to be gaining ground so fast in that country. He condemns the real leaders of the agitation as bold, bad, treacherous men, who have brought many woes on their followers already, and are now trying to paralyze the labors of the Gladstone Ministry, "who have torn down an old and offensive ascendency; who have given to the tenant-farmers rights beyond what O'Connell used to claim for them; who are anxious to retain power only that they may complete the work of beneficial legislation." This manifesto has aroused a storm of indignation. It has been publicly burned in a dozen or more of the principal towns. This is a significant fact. A few years ago, Catholic Irishmen believed not only in Papal, but in priestly infallibility. They have always looked to their pastors as unerring guides, and followed them blindly and bravely. When their darling O'Connell began the effort for the repeal of the Union, it was not until the great majority of the clergy gave the sign that the people supported him with that fierce vigor which came so near carrying the day. Now the spell seems to be broken. For years the priests have fostered the uneasy spirit of which this movement is the natural result. When the final defeat of the Repeal seemed to have broken the spirit and destroyed the hopes of Ireland, John Benton in the Senate, "solitary and alone," put the ball in motion. The people have joined the movement, and they are now but units in the vast mass which propels it. They are powerless to stop it, and policy would seem to dictate that they should, at least nominally, favor it. It is loudly charged against them that they are leagued with the Administration to defeat the measure, and are to be paid by obtaining the same control of the school system that the Established Church has gained in England. However this may be, the pregnant fact of a movement successfully engineered by Catholic Irishmen in the face of priestly opposition augurs well for that complete divorce of Church and State which has been for scores of years the cry-ing need of the Emerald Isle.

As the drama has always played such an important part in the history of France, it was natural that the people, roused by the shock of unexpected defeat to a hearty (if temporary) disgust with the voluptuousness of thought and deed which had sapped the nation's strength, should clamor for the revival of purity in the theatre as an essential condition to its revival elsewhere. M. Dumas, in response to this clamor, essayed to produce a moral drama, and brought upon the stage that miracle of thinly-disguised nastiness "La Princesse Georges." Paris would have no compromise, and sternly rebuked the effort. Now, however, the critics are satisfied. M. Edmond Goudinet has written a play with the promising title of "Christiane." It is, to be sure, a little didactic, according to the reviews; but then it is a new style of writing for Parisian dramatists, and allowances must be made. Its morality is, however, everything that could be wished, as can readily be seen from a slight sketch of the plot: A lady, moving in the best society, has an intrigue which results in the birth of a daughter, Christiane. Soon after she marries another man, who is made to believe, by some hocus-pocus, that Christiane is his own child. The drama turns on the peculiar relations between the "actual" and "putative" fathers of the heroine. Finally, after the death of the mistress and wife, the "actual" parent delicately reveals to the "putative" one the real state of affairs, and then takes himself out of the way, while the latter proceeds to make preparations to take as his second wife his own "putative" daughter! Here the drama ends. It has been the success of the season in the *Théâtre Français*. As it has been received, and is rapidly becoming regenerated under the benign influence of its mild (very mild) morality.

A few months ago, the Chief Justice of India, Norman, was assassinated by a Mohammedan fanatic named Abdallah. The murderer was caught, tried, and sentenced to expiate his crime by death on the gallows. He seemed ready to meet his doom calmly and bravely; and British ingenuity, longing to terrify the apparently dauntless mind, hit on the cold-blooded expedient of burning the body after life had fled. According to Abdallah's belief, this killed soul as well as body, and he died in abject terror, to the great delight of his executioners. The English press upheld the deed. "We have found the Achilles' heel in the panoply of fanaticism," said a leading journal, "and we have no doubt it will cause assassin trade forever. No bigot will imagine it to be his duty to slay an Englishman, when destruction, not only of the body, but (as he thinks) of the soul, is sure to follow the crime." The prophet was short-sighted. The burning of Abdallah may have terrified him, but not his fellows. His death has been speedily and terribly avenged. The Governor General of India, Lord Mayo, was stabbed to the heart, by a Mohammedan, and died almost instantly. The criminal is in the hands of the authorities. The next question will be, of course, his punishment. Will they make a new attempt to "find the Achilles' heel in the panoply of fanaticism"? One man has been hanged and the dead body burnt; within a week, "fifty others have been blown to the four winds from cannon-mouths; if these fail, a thousand more." The experiment in Spain yet remains. It is only a step farther. The plea of necessity, which has excused all judicial barbarism hitherto, may be used to justify this also.

The New York branch of the International Society has issued a sort of pronunciamento, embodying what they consider as the needs of the future. The prevalent idea is, of course, the essential babyhood of the adult citizen, which makes it the duty of the Central Government to act as dry-nurse to all its subjects throughout their helpless lives. The New York Internationals, encouraged by the way in which the city has managed affairs hitherto, when left to do its duties, among others, the following: The maintenance of gas-works, furnishing gas at cost; the institution of "coal-deposits," to be sold at cost, and of markets where country produce will be sold at the lowest possible price; the managing of all city-railways and ferries; the building of dwelling-houses upon all unimproved lots owned by the city, which are to be let to the people (that is, to those of them who have sense enough to join the International) at cost. Besides this catalogue of municipal duties, it is not strange that it is gravely proposed to select all deputies, clerks, and other employes by lot. There is a ludicrous side to such statements; but it is not excessively mirth-provoking to reflect that a body of men, bent on the amelioration of mankind, should honestly seek to attain their object in such short-sighted ways. The fatal defect of these schemes is, that they do not have a firm basis for action, instead of by, the laborer. Society is to be reformed only by reforming its units. The workingmen may be at a disadvantage now, it is true; but they, and they only, can remove that disadvantage.

Some of the indicted Aldermen in this city are trying to get a change of venue, on the ground that they cannot have a fair trial here, owing to the prejudice which prevails against them. They are right in their allegation of prejudice, but wrong in its application; the people of Chicago are prejudiced, not against the alleged bribers, but the system of bribery. They are prejudiced against the practice of squandering the people's money, and of taxing every measure which is for the advantage of the city before it can be passed in the Common Council. They are prejudiced against corruption, fraud, and dishonesty; and if these Aldermen, upon a sufficient trial, shall be found guilty of such practices, the people will be prejudiced against them. The assumption on the part of these men, that there is a feeling of prejudice against *them* before they are brought to trial is a joke very much like a tacit acknowledgment of guilt. An honest man never yet was afraid to stand up and meet charges preferred against him at any place or time.

Senator Ferry announces that, if the Senate will not take the tax off the lumber used to rebuild Chicago, he will vote four millions of dollars out of the National Treasury to purchase building materials for Chicago. Why does not the Senator propose to do the thing directly instead of indirectly? Why not pay the money over to the lumber men direct? Why go through the roundabout process when the same result can be reached by the direct one? Why not let the linseed-oil manufacturers make out their estimate, showing how much they ought to have, over and above the value of their oil, and take it direct from the Treasury? Let us have the free materials, and let Mr. Ferry, Mr. Dexter, and Mr. Blatchford be a Commission to make out the bills for the losses sustained by those who claim the vested right to tax the impoverished people of this city, and present it to Secretary Boutwell for payment.

THE PHILADELPHIA CONVENTION.

Letter from the Hon. S. F. Pleharty.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 11, 1872.

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

SIR: As one of the "fourteen" who voted to postpone the Brown-of-Missouri resolution of thanks, and one of the number interviewed by the correspondent of the Chicago *Journal*, who asked the questions:

"Are you opposed to the renomination of President Grant?" and

"Will you support President Grant if renominated?"

I do ere to state my position upon these questions clearly and in detail through the columns of THE TRIBUNE.

I am not unconditionally, and without qualification, opposed to the renomination of President Grant; but I object to his renomination for reasons that I will give:

1. I am in favor of the "one-term principle."

2. As a rule, I think it best to select the President from civil life, avoiding, if possible, men accustomed to the exercise of military power, which is arbitrary in its nature, and contrary to the spirit of free governments. We should return to the former policy.

3. While the Administration of President Grant is justly entitled to the gratitude of the country for its efficient services during the war, it has, in my opinion, been a failure in many respects, and, consider it diplomatically a failure,—" too good to be called bad, and too bad to be called good."

"It will depend upon future political developments" as to whether I will support Grant, if renominated; but I expect to do so, for the following reasons:

The one plank in the platform of the Republican party that binds it together, and enables it to resist all sinister, selfish, corrupting influences, is that which recognizes the principle that all civil rights for all men, without distinction as to race, color, or previous condition of servitude, should be secured by appropriate legislation. The Democratic party has never recognized this principle, but has resisted it at every step, and to-day, in its platform, repudiates it. Its success would be a triumph to the enemies of human rights, and a disaster to the country. Every State in the Union, ruling by the common law, had already sufficient legislation upon this head, and that to subvert State jurisdiction by National edict was to break down the authority of local self-government. He showed the absurdity of Mr. Sumner's bill, particularly in the case of churches,—so that Mr. Sherman, who is nothing if not small, popped in an amendment also excepting churches from Sumner's bill. Here is an extract from Ferry's speech, to show its tone:

EXTRACTS TO TALK.

We are to decide for ourselves and posterity what are the changes made in the Government by the adoption of the three amendments to the Constitution. If they mean all that the Senator from Massachusetts says, God help us! The foundations of civil liberty are stricken away from under us. We shall not fall slowly and unconsciously to destruction. Usurpations are never made with the cost-nibble effect. Usurpations are always made under the pretence of doing good. Usurpations are always made under old forms.

Highly effective, also, was his delineation of the Parliament of England at work, as compared with a New England town-meeting; in which he pokes fun at members discussing what to do to maintain the poor, to follow up a system of national education, to form statistical establishments, and so forth; in the other case, farmers, mechanics, lawyers, ministers, and merchants enacting their local laws for taking care of the poor, educating their children, and making corporations to worship God. Said Mr. Ferry:

I would protect and buttress human rights in this land by the salvation of these local institutions. I have made these rights so sacred to us, and which have made them so dear, that no tyrant over the Continent. Following out the line of the Englishman's course of local government from the Mississippi to the Pacific,—everywhere where the footsteps of her children have trod,—where the church and school-house gone up side by side, and the love of liberty burned in the hearts of the men that dwelled there; and all this comes from our system of local self-government.

FERRY AND WILSON.

Mr. Ferry took position absolutely against the Government's interfering with local questions, and against Hoar's School bill. Hoar is a cherubic sentimentalist, with a red face, like a new-born baby's, and he appears to have derived his conceptions of political example from Henry Wilson, who always gammons on one side and votes on the other. Wilson is the most unreliable man in public life,—in the small. Some time ago he said to me, "I don't think Grant the weatest man we can nominate, but he was the best we can get around the corner, asking a man of the opposite complexion whether he did not think Grant was by far the strongest man to nominate. Grimes and Trumbull like Ferry, are men of small plausibilities, and no reliance can be placed upon him.

THE THREE NEW ENGLANDERS.

Mr. Ferry also vindicated here as one of the three great Senators from New England,—Mr. Sumner, of course, being one, and Lot Morrill, of Maine, another. It will be hard to match these three men in other portions of the country. Sometimes a man is unable to become diseased, like Ferry, at Washington, and, after recovering from a paralytic stroke, he returns with vengeance in his head, and a disposition to punish mankind for his Providential infirmities. It is truly ennobling to see a man physically unfortunate, stand forward, with a statesman-like vision and the soul of a humanitarian.

SHERMAN AND COLE.

While John Sherman was demagoguing on the Chinese matter with Cole,—who has gone over to the Democracy,—Ferry said:

I believe that the tendency of naturalization discriminations is to exclude the most valuable immigration from this country. I believe the one great necessity of on the Pacific Coast is intelligent labor, for the purpose of developing the resources, and constructing the vast internal improvements of that region; and I think that any act of the Senate of the United States which is manifestly be construed as in hostility to the in migration of such labor, is hostile to the best interests of the country; and I must confess my surprise that Senators who have urged, and are urging, the amendment of the Senator from Massachusetts upon the ground, upon the particular ground or human rights alone, should consent to abandon this section, which, in fact, is second, more widely reaches and affects human rights than all the rest of the amendments together.

Senator Trumbull spoke with the same boldness on this question:

The Senator from California is aiming to hit the Chinese. He wants to exclude from naturalization the ingenious laborers, the patient and intelligent Asiatics from China and Japan. I respect each Senator's opinion as a citizen of this country, should not an intelligent Chinaman or Japanese? Sir, if we believe in human rights and equality, why attempt to make this distinction?

Why, indeed? Vote-getters might answer. Men only put the question.

GATH.

THE MISSOURI CONVENTION.

Statement of the Chairman of the Liberal Republican State Committee.

To the Editor of the New York Tribune:

SIR: More than once you have rebuked those who seek to bury the Missouri movement under a mountain of abuse and falsehood. Though you do not choose to be committed to that movement, the course of your paper shows a desire to state the facts. Since the St. Louis *Democrat* sold itself, there has been in St. Louis no Republican American paper to expose and refute the statements now industriously sent out by men whose highest honor it is that where lying is the work to be done they will earn their wages. Accounts in Democratic papers reach few Republican readers. I therefore appeal to your journal, circulating among the oldest and best Republicans throughout the land, for opportunity to place the facts before them.

Statements regarding the recent Convention of Liberal Republicans, which have appeared in the St. Louis *Democrat*, the Chicago *Post*, and the Washington *Republican*, are not mere mistakes. They betray a knowledge of the truth, and are simply lies. The *Democrat*, for example, knows that the published list which it gave and quotes as "the list of delegates," embraces only such names as were handed to the reporters before the Convention assembled: that no roll of the delegates was ever published, and no complete roll was ever made. Not content with this, the same and other papers add other falsehoods, which the imperfect list itself refutes.

Even in that list there is proof that the Convention did represent very fully the Liberal Republicans, and did not represent the Democrats of Missouri. Comprising only a small part of the participants who gave their names or were recognized by the reporters, it nevertheless embraces so many of the more prominent as to show that the Convention more fully represented the party, and that the party, as represented, was stronger than it appeared in the Convention which nominated Governor B. Gratz Brown in 1870.

Not a single Democrat of Missouri is named in the list, or took part in the Convention. While all the strongholds of Republicanism, in which the Liberal movement had strength in 1870, were represented, only single delegates, known to me to be Republicans, were present from the Democratic counties of Audrain, Boone, Callaway, Carter, Crawford, Dunklin, Howard, Laclede, Maries, Mississippi, New Madrid, Oregon, Osage, Pemiscot, Pulaski, Randolph, Ray, Reynolds, Ripley, St. Francois, Ste. Genevieve, Saline, Scott, Shannon, Vernon, Washington, and Wayne. On the other hand, the imperfect list, the call and proceedings show that the following counties, embracing all the Liberal strongholds, and nearly all the strong Republican counties, were represented: Andrew, Bates, Benton, Buchanan, Camden, Cape Girardeau, Carroll, Cass, Cedar, Chariton, Clay, Clinton, Cole, Cooper, Daviess, Franklin, Gasconade, Gentry, Grundy, Howell, Iron, Jackson, Jefferson, Johnson, Lewis, Livingstone, Macon, Miller, Moniteau, Monroe, Nodaway, Pettis, Pike, Platte, Polk, Pulaski, Putnam, Ralls, St. Charles, St. Clair, St. Louis, Schuyler, Scotland, Shelby, Stoddard, Sullivan, Warren, and Wright. These counties alone cast about 70,000 votes for Brown. In addition to these, I remember the presence of delegates, known to me, from Greene, Lincoln, Lafayette, Linn, Marion, Montgomery, and Perry. I think, though being unable here to consult papers or friends who were present, I cannot positively assert, that delegates were also present from Atchison, Caldwell, De Kalb, Henry, Holt, Madison, Morgan, and Webster. But these counties only which were certainly represented cast 75,859 of the entire 104,771 votes given to Gratz Brown, or three-fourths of the whole. The Democratic counties not represented cast 16,860 more, and the Republican counties which can possibly have been unrepresented cast only 12,110 of the votes for Brown.

The significance of these facts will better appear when it is remembered that the original bolt was made by men from only a minority of the counties, and the Liberal Republican strength was naturally found chiefly in those counties, the voters sharing the opinions of their seceding delegates. If my recollection is not at fault, delegates from only 35 counties bolted, and yet their candidates received at least one-third of the Republican votes. Now, these same counties, and at least 30 more, are represented; but we are told that the demonstration amounts to nothing because the Democrats, who have a fair and some Radical strongholds, sent no delegates! The Convention of 1870 half filled the Senate Chamber; the Convention of 1872 crowded the Representatives' Hall. In fact, while the Senate, so largely Democratic, was more fully represented than ever before, it was remarked with pleasure and surprise, by the German Liberals, that for the first time they were outnumbered by American Liberals.

You have truly said that the leaders of 1870 are now at the front, but you might have added that many men of influence who were in the Convention of 1870 took no part in the recent gathering. The main speech at both was made by Governor Brown, and in each he struck the key-note: in 1870 he declared that he went to "plant the banner of Liberalism on the grave of rebellion," and in 1872 he throws down the glove to centralism. Senator Schurz, who presided over the Convention of 1870, sent a long letter to the recent gathering—not to define his position, for they his speeches in the Senate have done. was Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions in both Conventions. General John McNeil, than whom no one has done more for the true personal and devoted friends among the Missouri Radicals, led the bolt in 1870, and was Chairman of the first Committee raised in the recent movement. Mr. Carl Schurz, of Platte, addressed both Conventions; Messrs. Finkelnburg, and James G. Blair, are now members of Congress; Governor Fletcher, the absent head of the ticket, is quite a case in Court prevented his attendance in 1872, and every State Senator and Representative, as far as I know, who acted in the one Convention participated also in the other. Judge De Bolt, perhaps the strongest Radical in the Northwest, who presided this year; the Hon. Charles F. Johnson, who made the first speech; Lieutenant Governor Gravelly, formerly member of Congress from the Radical Southwest; the Hon. Emil Preetorious, leader of the old guard of German Radicals in early and more trying times; the Hon. James E. Yeatman, of the Republican candidate for Congress in the Democratic Third District; all these and others of local strength, who, from one cause or another, took no part in the Convention of 1870, took active part in the recent Convention. Judge Arnold Krekel, President of the Drake Constitutional Convention, is also in hearty sympathy with the Liberals, as is Colonel W. J. Skinner, Liberal Republican candidate for Congress in the Fourth District in 1870.

Colonel John F. Shoriere, McClurg, candidate for Secretary of State in 1870, is now openly declared to be with us, and the Hon. Joel F. Asper, former member of Congress from the Radical Seventh District, declared for McClurg and against the bolt in 1870, has recently published a very strong letter, and is now a member of the Liberal State Committee, as are the Hon. Albert A. Smith, of St. Joseph, the widely-known "Father" Muench, and the Hon. Geo. W. Anderson, former member of Congress from the Ninth, who were not on the Committee when first formed. No man familiar with these facts can fail to realize that the Liberal-Republican party, as now organized and represented, is far stronger than it was in 1870.

The absence of three men has been mentioned as proof that the Convention represented nobody. Wm. McKee, of the *Democrat*, was not there; this Convention had neither office to give nor money to spend. Soldiers never expect to see the sutler on the skirmish line. Ex-Senator Henderson

ST. LOUIS.

To Hang, or Not to Hang--Revision--Elevators--Banquets.

Park--City Debt--Usury Laws--United States Buildings--City Hall.

The Ice Blockade--Statue of Edward Bates--Legislative Repudiation.

Correspondence of The Chicago Tribune.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 11.

TO HANG, OR NOT TO HANG.

Have we any laws in this country to protect our lives from the hands of the bloodthirsty? While the San Francisco affair is trifling with Mrs. Fair's case, instead of visiting merited punishment upon a thrice-guilty slayer, who taunted her victim from the path of rectitude, and then murdered him for attempting to retrace his steps; and while the law's delay, and lawyers deep in ingenious tricks and sophisms, are keeping the red-handed Stokes in elegant restraint instead of administering sharp and swift justice, with a fair prospect of escape through loose laws and laxity of public sentiment,—we have a case which, though kept quiet in hopes of the matter dying out of public attention, while the threadbare excuse of insanity is being worked up and fortified for the trial,—if to trial it should ever come,—is another illustration of our want of protection from assassination. Last summer a young man, whose only excuse at the time was the inexcusable one of drink, deliberately shot, not in the sudden heat of passion or quarrel, but evidently with premeditated purpose, a peaceable citizen, who was quietly sitting on his door-step with others of his family, some of them ladies. Later, it was discovered that insanity tainted the blood, and so well and quietly is the case being worked for a final acquittal, or, at least, modification of the charge, that it is safe to say "The flax is not grown, nor shackled, nor spun, nor 'twisted" that will hang him for the murder. The small percentage of punishment to the gross sum of murder in New York City is well known, but it is nearly the same everywhere. In that city, owing to its great population, the matter is more concentrated in the focal centre of public attention. A lawyer in Leavenworth, Kansas, told the writer, on one occasion, that the laws of that State were framed more to excuse the immunity of wrong-doers than their punishment.

THE NEW DIRECTORY

of the city is print d and in the binder's hands. Edwards has been superseded by Ridrich & Co. in the directory business here. The former gentleman rather "put his foot" in it, so far as St. Louis was concerned, by compiling a directory for your city which, as charged here, contained too many names; and a breeze was raised about his ears which convinced him of the propriety of selling out his directory business here.

PER CONTRA—REAVIS.

But Mr. Reavis, the Capital-mover, by strict attention to business, is in a fair way of extending his enterprise--to gratifying proportions. Though a native of Illinois, he has taken St. Louis under his guardianship, and concentrated all his energies on the "Future Great City" and her interests, and it is not going to prove a bad "spec." In addition to what the citizens, and the county in its corporate capacity, have done for him in ordering large editions of his book for gratuitous circulation, it is now proposed to issue still another edition for foreign circulation, and to send Mr. Reavis to Washington, to work judiciously, and to lecture on the advantages and resources of Missouri in general and St. Louis in particular. A meeting for this object is held at the Southern Hotel last evening, which was adjourned to next Thursday evening. Mr. Reavis will probably be delegated to inform the capitalists of England that the development of Missouri's mineral treasures they can obtain a liberal per cent upon their money; to those wishing to engage in manufacturing enterprises, he will demonstrate that, beyond peradventure, here is the most promising field in the world; while to the sons of toil, he will depict the glorious returns to be had for their labor,—for probable competence to be realized, which is an impossibility in their overcrowded country. So, if life plan is judiciously worked, no doubt St. Louis will reap a profitable harvest in this direction, while to Col. afford Mr. Reavis an honorable distinction, enable him to see the world, put money in his purse, and be a good thing for all concerned.

THE ELEVATOR FEVER,

which, like the small-pox, is apt to become epidemic, now here, now there, has developed here lately, and two projects in this direction are now under way, with others in a more embryotic stage. One of these will probably be located on the "levee," or river's edge, somewhere in the neighborhood of the foot of Chouteau avenue; while the other, on the Illinois side, will find a site at Bloody Island, where more convenient access to it by steamers can be had than at East St. Louis. The augmenting grain trade of this city requires these structures, and there is no doubt they will be rapidly pushed forward to completion.

COMMON COUNCIL FEED.

It has been a pleasant custom here for the retiring President of the City Council to entertain his colaborers in the city's interests with a banquet at the close of his term of office. As twelve members of the Council went out on Saturday, and among them Mr. John G. Smith, Chairman, the usual banquet was given by the latter on Friday evening, at a newly-opened restaurant, where the usual speeches, compliments, and toasts were indulged in, to the mutual satisfaction of all concerned. Besides the members of the Council, several city officers and other invited guests participated.

Of the twelve retiring Councilmen, seven are Republicans, four are Democrats, and one is a Liberal Republican. Those holding over are eight Democrats and four Regular Republicans. Out of the twelve to be elected, six Democrats to be retained, Gay will have a majority in the Council, as the *Missouri Republican* is confident. The election takes place on the first Tuesday in April.

THREE OFFICIAL FEED, ALPHABETICALLY CONSIDERED.

Talking of banquets reminds me that Governor B. Gratz Brown, at Jefferson City, has commenced a series of ceremonious dinners. The first was given on the evening of the 8th inst., to the Senators of the State Legislature, and, as all such affairs are entitled to, was around the Gubernatorial mahogany to avoid anything like invidious discrimination, the invites were sent in alphabetical order, the last on the first occasion proceeding to T. But in this case it does not follow that those who come after T(ea) will get short commons.

PARK.

A scheme—or, rather, a couple of them—is before the Legislature, to establish an immense public park on the western verge of the city,—some four miles from the Court House. Two different sites are advocated by different parties, both large, and both involving a large amount of money. The favorite one contemplates an area of some 1,800 acres, bounded by four splendid boulevards of generous width, through this a stream, called the River Des Peres, winds for a distance, by measurements, of about seven miles; and, in other respects, such as an undulatory surface, and a heavy growth of forest trees, it possesses decided advantages for the purpose in view. It is scarcely possible for a city to improve too much or too far in such a direction; but the scheme has its opponents, for, purposes, to them, satisfactory reasons.

CITY ...

A bill having in view the erection of a City Hall somewhat in accordance with the importance of the corporation, is before the Legislature. It is proposed to authorize the city to issue $1,500,000 bonds for this purpose. In addition to this, there has already passed the present Legislature a bill authorizing the issue of $1,500,000 bonds for the extension of the Water-Works; another pending for the issue of $600,000 bonds to pay the floating debt; another for $150,000 for the erection of a Hospital; $500,000 for the completion of the sewers; and $2,000,000 for the protection of the harbor. These amount, together, to $6,000,000, to be added to the already accumulated city debt of $14,000,000.

USURY LAWS.

Senator Breckinridge, of St. Louis, recently introduced, and ably and eloquently advocated, a bill for the repeal of the usury laws, which, like other commodities, open to the world, like other commodities, open for whatever figure its use could command in the market. To those not bound to the narrow traditions of the past, and who do not think that everything that is old is necessarily good, the Senator's learned and exhaustive argument is convincing that the usury laws are a remnant of mediæval prejudice and narrowness, antagonistic not only to healthy laws of trade, but to the broader law of modern civilization. But the Senator was in advance of his colleagues, and the bill was defeated only to foster, as in the case of bricks to evade the statutes, which, as to their direct intent and purpose are considered a dead letter, opposing a barrier only to such honesty as will not evade them by trickery.

UNITED STATES BUILDINGS.

The people of St. Louis very justly think Congress has acted somewhat niggardly toward them in the matter of appropriations for the new Custom House and Post Office demanded by the growing needs of the city, and, as is quite natural, they look with a jealous eye upon the more liberal provisions for a similar structure in your city. As it stands, $500,000 are appropriated for the site, and $1,750,000 for the building. It is claimed that a proper site, which requires an entire block,—cannot be obtained in any central and convenient part of the city for the sum provided. The building is greatly needed. The present one is a dark, gloomy, fire-trap structure, requiring gas to properly light it in the brightest of weather. Well, if we can't have what we want, I suppose we must take what we can get.

NEW CITY HALL.

Among other enterprises and adornments in the way of handsome and imposing public buildings, of which there is such a lack here, is the project of erecting in one of the public parks a City Hall. I have already alluded to a legislative bill on the subject; in addition to which the Municipality is to sell certain of its property, and reserve the proceeds for this building.

THE ICE BLOCKADE

still continues, though a few days of mild weather have enabled an additional ferry-boat or two to break from their imprisonment and aid in relieving the embargoed transfer across the river. But it is far from being entirely relieved. Only one channel through the ice is open from shore to shore, and on both sides of the river long double lines of teams extend for a mile or more, awaiting their chance to cross with what patience they can command,—relieving the tedium with an occasional altercation. Night and day the slow process of transfer goes on; and the latest wayfarer on the streets meets a sleepy and solemn teams plodding along with their loads to and from the river.

As the coal supply of this city is obtained from the Illinois side, the coal-yards have run short, and, with their usual alertness in turning an honest penny, have raised the price of that fuel from 12 or 15 cents a bushel to 20. Some of the rolling-mills got entirely out, and had to suspend operations.

EDWARD BATES.

It is proposed in the Legislature to appropriate a sum for the erection of a statue to the Hon. Edward Bates. It will no doubt pass. Missouri has no son more deserving of such an honor. I remember seeing him but once, and that was upon the occasion of breaking ground on the Missouri Pacific Railroad, in the summer of 1851,—the 4th of July, if I mistake not. He was called upon for an address, and, no suitable stand for speaking having been erected, a barrel was pressed to elevate him among his auditors. As the barrel was a frail one, he manifested a wholesome reluctance to entrusting his weight thereon, but finally did so, with the suddenly disappearing within, as he apprehended.

RAILROAD ACCIDENTS.

Several serious railroad accidents, of which you are already informed, having recently occurred in this State, a resolution was yesterday adopted in the Legislative House, instructing the Committee on the Judiciary to inquire into the subject, and report by bill or otherwise.

THE SEMI-REPUDIATION.

Concurrent resolutions, ordering the State's maturing bonds to be paid in currency instead of gold, ascalled for on their face and the contract by which they were realized on, finally passed over the Governor's veto in the House, where they had dragged along for some time, and yesterday were filed in the office of the Secretary of State, with all the required forms. It now remains to be seen whether the Fund Commissioners will obey the plain law, as expounded by the Supreme Court of this State, or these resolutions, which are not only without legal authority, but are a deep stain upon the credit of the State. The action of the Legislature, as against the contract, against the law, against the Governor's opinion, and against the decision of the Supreme Court, is as remarkable an instance of pig-headed obstinacy as can probably be found in the Legislative annals of any State. The State was glad enough to get the money on its bonds at the time; but then that was twenty years ago, and under another regime. So the present Legislature felt a noble disregard of everything except their own narrow opinions.

E. M. D.

A PRETTY CROWD OF LEGISLATORS.

The Shooting of the Hon. Benjamin Byas, of South Carolina--Washing Dirty Linen in the South Carolina Capitol.

Columbia, S. C. (Feb. 9), Correspondence of the New York Herald.

The Hon. Benjamin Byas, the colored legislator who, about ten days ago, attempted to cowhide Mr. R. W. Dominson, correspondent of the Charleston *News* and got shot for his pains, has again taken his seat in the House of Assembly. The wound was not serious. The account of the fracas which was sent to the Northern newspapers was meagre in its details. The day before its occurrence, one Thomas Williams, a colored barber here, learned, or in some way took a notion, that Byas, the Hon. Assemblyman was on too intimate terms with his (Williams') wife. Whereupon, in true Southern fashion, Williams went for the member from Orangeburg with a rawhide in one hand and a revolver in the other. He met him him at the State Capitol talking to the Hon. R. B. Elliott, member of Congress from this District. Williams approached with uplifted cowhide, seeing which Byas drew a revolver. At this juncture Congressman Elliott interfered, and told Williams to put up his cowhide, which the latter did. After some hard words, during which Williams again tride to get at Byas without effect, he withdrew from the State House, and Byas, not caring to prolong the quarrel, moved off in an opposite direction.

In connection with this scene, Mr. Tomlinson did not spare Mr. Byas' feelings. He criticised him in a very uncomplimentary manner, and showed plainly that he not only believed Mr. Byas guilty of trespassing on Mr. Williams' private domain, but of cowardice in not granting the satisfaction usual among Southern gentlemen. The next afternoon, as Mr. Tomlinson was stepping out of the Senate Chamber, he met Mr. Byas standing, Brutus-like, in the doorway, muffled up to the chin. He said:

"Ah! Byas how are you?"

Mr. Byas drew himself up loftily. "Are you the gentleman that wrote this?" pointing to the offending article in the *News*.

"Yes, sir, I presume so," answered Mr. Tomlinson, "I write everything from here for that paper."

"Then, sir, I am going to thrash you, sir, within an inch of your life, and as Mr. Byas said this he unbuttoned his overcoat, and drew from beneath it a green rawhide. Tomlinson seeing the movement, jumped back and jammed his hand into his trouser's pocket, but not quick enough to escape one blow from the rawhide. This descended with terrific force upon the reporter's shoulders. Before Byas could raise it again, Tomlinson had his revolver out.

When Byas saw the weapon he dropped the raw hide and jumped for the door of the Senate Chamber, shouting. "Don't let him shoot. I am unarmed." Reaching the door, he turned for an instant, which Tomlinson interpreted as a movement to renew the attack. Both latter then fired, the ball taking effect in the muscular part of the shoulder. Byas yelled out, "I'm shot! I'm shot! Don't let him shoot again!" and ran into and through the Senate Chamber, taking refuge in the room of Lieutenant Governor Ransier. Of course, Tomlinson did not follow him, but gave himself up to Sheriff Frazee, of Richland County. When it was found that Byas' injuries were but slight, Tomlinson was released in $700 bail, and that will, in all likelihood, be the last of it.

Byas is one of the most extraordinary negroes in the South Carolina Legislature. He is a natural orator, and, with education and becoming modesty, would have made his mark almost anywhere. But his ignorance, combined with conceit and utter lack of moral principle, have disgusted everybody with him, and he has hardly a friend in the Legislature. Byas always makes it a point to get on the negative side of a question, and he will harangue the House for hours in his peculiar way on a matter of no importance at all, or, if of importance, on the side that admits of no argument in its favor.

Just now Bowen, the bigamist, is making a little fight against Governor Scott, whom he accuses of every kind of fraud in the administration of his Gubernatorial office. Byas leads the opposition to Bowen and defends Scott to the best of his ability, although for the life of him he cannot tell why, unless it is as Bowen says, that he has been bribed. In his message to the Legislature Scott improved the opportunity to expose what he was pleased to term Bowen's moral nakedness." The other day Bowen got up in his seat to reply to these two little words which rankled in his heart so deeply. He handled Scott without gloves. He exposed more of Scott's immorality than the world ever dreamed of; accused him of seducing young ladies while in his own house as guests of his wife; of patronizing a certain establishment in Twenty-sixth street, New York, so openly and notoriously that it became known as "The Palmetto House." Kept by R. K. Scott, of living in open concubinage with one of the young and beautiful Misses Rollins, and with divers other crimes against social order and correct morals. Byas stood like a wild beast when at bay, and arose to defend his chief. He said—and this was one of the few times that he has used the plantation dialect—

"De gentleman from Charleston has been brought before de Courts to answer just such charges as dat. He's a pretty one to get up in dis yere Assembly and b'rate de Governor, Ah! can say is, *Faitsus in unis, faitsus in dibus*," and with a magnificent sweep Mr. Byas resumed his seat.

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Byas is so unpopular with the colored people here, that, with few exceptions, they justify the course taken by Mr. Tomlinson in defending himself.

The English Subscriptions for Chicago.

From the Manchester (England) Courier, Jan. 25.

There were not a few Englishmen who fancied last year that the enthusiasm for our American cousins was being carried a little too far. They reflected on the effect of the extraordinary subscriptions in aid of the sick and wounded in the Franco-German war. They remembered how home charities had suffered in the winter of 1870-1 from that cause, and they had no desire to see a repetition of the same thing in the winter of 1871-2. Furthermore, they doubted somewhat as to the necessity of the appeal which was made to them. The United States is the richest country in the world, and Chicago is the richest city in the United States. It was notorious that a large portion of it was not destroyed, and that the owners of a great part of that which had fallen before the fire were insured in English offices, all of which met their obligations with even more than ordinary promptitude. There was, however, a general sense of reluctance to speak on this subject lest it should be thought that jealousy of the American people lay at the root of all such objections, and, furthermore, it was hoped that the liberality of England would have its due effect in cementing the union which was thought to be in the eve of accomplishment between the two countries. Those who thus refrained from objection are perhaps hardly entitled to refer to their misgivings now, but the real facts of the case show that such misgivings were more than justified. The case is simply this: Here, in the United States Government has submitted to the Arbitrators at Geneva is probably without parallel in history for audacity and cynical disregard of the commonest principles of international right. It will probably serve as a caution in the future to those gushing politicians who fondly imagine that national sympathies can be bought only by copious subscriptions for the relief of distress.

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From the Fort Wayne Sentinel, Feb. 12.

Jim Black is the Captain of a lake schooner,—lives in Chicago, but frequently visits his relatives in Fort Wayne, and is well known by many of our citizens.

He is a large, heavy-set man, weighs about 200 pounds, and is perhaps 25 years of age, and is considered a jolly, good-natured man, except when laboring under the influence of liquor.

On last Saturday he became intoxicated, and being a little more uproarious than the law encourages, he was warned by some friends to wake and emerge. Marshal Mr. Kelly, to conduct himself more quietly.

Nothing more was heard of him by the city authorities until 11 o'clock the same night, when he was attacked by a clique of bummers at the saloon of Charles Patten, on Columbia street.

His assailants were arrested and bailed out, whereupon the whole party returned to the saloon. One of them, John Coudon by name, stepped on the way at a blacksmith shop, and procured a sharp, heavy file. Immediately after re-entering the saloon Coudon insulted Black, and the two stepped outside, and walked about half a square east on Columbia street, when the former struck the latter on the temple with the file.

Black fell senseless upon the snow and bled profusely. He was discovered, and taken to Con. Schenck's restaurant, from which place he was carried to Nill's drug store. Dr. Thacker was called in, who dressed the wound, and the unfortunate man was then removed to the residence of his sisterson Broadway.

It was rumored on the street this afternoon that Black had died from his injuries, but he still lives, though very slight hopes are entertained of his recovery.

Fires.

DUBUQUE, Iowa, Feb. 13.—A fire last night damaged the building of John W. Burke to the amount of $1,000. The building was occupied by H. Picins as a tobacco store. His loss is about $2,000; insurance, $1,000. Also, Miss McGregor's millinery establishment. Her loss is $1,500. Owing to the efficacy of our water works a serious conflagration was prevented.

A fire a few nights ago from Floyd, Iowa, on Sunday morning, burned the house and outbuildings of J. G. Thompson, a well-known farmer in that section, together with five horses, some cows and swine. The entire loss is between $5,000 and $6,000. Insurance, $2,000.

GALESBURG, Feb. 11.—The Hysteus House, owned and carried on by Drs. McCall and Black, was burned this morning at 3 o'clock. The patients were all removed before the fire had gained serious headway. The total loss is $6,000, covered by $4,000 insurance—$3,000 in the Phœnix of London and Liverpool and Globe and $1,000 in the Ætna of Hartford.

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VOTE ON THE CHICAGO RELIEF BILL.

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YEAS.			NAYS.		
Anthony,	Corbett,	Kelly,	Ames,	Kellogg,	Sumner,
Bayard,	Ferry (Mich),	Merrill (Vt.),	Caldwell,	Logan,	Tipton,
Bowman]	Flanagan,	Morton,	Cameron,	Norwood,	Trumbull,
Barwin,	Frelinghuysen,	Patterson,	Clayton,	Osborn,	Vickers,
Carpenter,	Gilbert,	Ramsey,	Fenton,	Pomeroy,	Wadleigh,
Casserly,	Goldthwaite,	Sherman,	Harlan,	Rice,	Wilson,
Chandler,	Hamilton (Md.),	Stockton,	Hill,	Robertson,	Wright—23
Cole,	Hamilton (Texas),	Stockton—25.	Ingalls,	Schurz,	
Conkling,			Messrs. Scott and Schurz were paired. The former would have voted aye, and the latter no.		

EX-REPRESENTATIVE STOKES CONVICTED.

Stokes, of Tennessee, was convicted to-day on his second trial, and will be sentenced to the Penitentiary for two or more years. Stokes, of his confederates, turned State's evidence and committed enough of Stokes' letters to him (Stromeyer) to secure his conviction. The most paper submitted was a memorandum sent by Stokes and Powell to a Treasury Clerk indicted with him, to persons interested in Tennessee. It was admitted to be in Stokes' handwriting.

To Captain Beatty and Members of his Company:

I understand that there is a great deal of dissatisfaction among the members of the company in regard to the amounts paid to them on their claims for back pay. I will say that money was kept out of each claim had not been used as it was, to pay parties in Washington to push the claims through Congress. Had this claim would have been blocked and stopped. In other words, man on the roll could not have got a cent without the payment of the money that has been paid out. Second, we further state that, unless the members of the company has been dissatisfied for them will be paid by the Department. Third, we further state that, owing to members of the company not serving for the time that they were paid for and made application, they have rendered themselves liable to the Government for prosecution in case the Departments are informed that the men did not serve the full time they were paid for, we say that if men at home will assist us in obtaining the Departments from knowing that the men are not entitled to what they are getting, we will get for them whatever amount there is to be collected, and yet we think that it will amount to at least as much as they have received by my agents. Fifth, the whole liability rests upon the parties that made affidavits; in other words, first parties who made the rolls, second men that swore to the rolls, and third parties that done service which was never performed.

Yours truly, GEO. POWELL,
W. B. STOKES.

The following is a fair specimen of the Stokes letters which were produced:

NO. 815 SIXTH STREET, }
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 9, 1870. }

To Captains David Beatty and Etc.:

GENTLEMEN: Our friend Mike will hand you this. He knows all about the payment of the rolls, to have them sworn to by the Captain and two Lieutenants. This is required to be done by the Secretary of War. Then they should be sent down to the Second Auditor and all will be right. Stromeyer must return at once with the rolls. There is no need of either of you coming on here. We can make all things right, so you need have no fear. All will be O. K. Old Flint is on hand. As ever, your friend,

W. B. STOKES.

MORMON MATTERS.

Those progressive Mormons who hoped to compromise the present dilemma by securing the admission of Utah as a State on condition that polygamy should be hereafter prohibited, have given up the scheme for the present. They now consider it useless to wait until the Presidential succession has been settled, and a new Congress has been elected, when they will again agitate for admission. With regard to the provision in the new Apportionment bill, requiring Territories to have sufficient population to entitle them to one Congressman before being numerically qualified for admission, however, the Delegate here is not disheartened, but has taken that if the proper census could now be taken it would result in showing that Utah has more than the population required.

THE NEW YORK CUSTOM HOUSE.

In the Cabinet meeting to-day the President requested the Attorney General to transmit a full transcript of the testimony taken before the Investigating Committee in New York as soon as printed, and further to inform the District Attorney that the President directs him to proceed at once to procure indictments against every one who has either accepted or proffered a bribe in any transaction about the Custom House. The testimony taken in New York has already been sent to the Public Printer.

THE TAX ON TOBACCO.

The Committee on Ways and Means to-day agreed to a tax of 16 cents on fine-cut tobacco, and 24 cents on all other grades. The Committee also instructed Mr. Dawes to protest to the House against the passage of the bill abolishing the duties on coffee and tea. Judge Mercer, of Pennsylvania, when an attempt was made to report the bill, objected to any explanation from Mr. Dawes, and the matter went over.

PROGRESS ON THE STEAMBOAT BILL.

The Conference made considerable progress to day on the Steamboat bill. It was decided that the general powers be given Supervising Inspectors to adopt additional safety appliances. They should be so restricted as to require six months' test of each device before submitted for approval of the Inspector, and that after such approval, and before final official adoption, shall require a test and approval under the direction of the Secretary of the Navy, to protect owners against undue charges. For such devices as are adopted, this Committee recommend that the only royalty demanded shall be from 5 to 10 per cent above the cost of manufacture. Tug, towing, and freight boats will be relieved of many of the restrictions which now are imposed upon these classes and passenger vessels alike.

[To the Associated Press.]

THE WHISKEY TAX.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—The Committee of Ways and Means of the House have requested the Commissioner of Internal Revenue to communicate to them, in a form which shall serve as a basis for legislation, his views as to the proper manner of effecting a consolidation of the various taxes on distilled spirits, except that imposed upon rectifiers and wholesale dealers.

LEAD.

Marvin T. Reid, lead manufacturer, of New York, argued before the Finance Committee, to-day, in favor of reducing the duty on pig-lead. He said that the importations are 80,000,000 pounds a year. The home production is only one-fourth of that amount. Nearly all the lead produced in this country is mined in Missouri and Illinois, but St. Louis and other Western cities are obliged to draw on imported lead from the seaboard cities to supply their manufacturing demands. The present duty gives foreign rivals a monopoly of all the markets of the world.

LETTER FROM JOHN W. FORNEY.

The President has forwarded the following to Colonel J. W. Forney:

EXECUTIVE MANSION, }
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 13. }

To Colonel J. W. Forney, Collector of the Port of Philadelphia:

MY DEAR COLONEL: Your letter of the 10th inst., tendering your resignation of the office of Collector of the Port of Philadelphia, to take effect on the last day of March, is duly received. I regret that you have found this course necessary, because your appointment to the place gave generally almost universal satisfaction when it was made, and since your services have been appreciated and approved quite so generally. I appreciate, however, the reasons you assign for the course taken, and hope for your continued success as a journalist and citizen. It will be only second to that I am myself in procuring as your successor one enjoying the same confidence of the public and the appointing power, and who will administer the office as well as you have.

With high regard, your obedient servant,

U. S. GRANT.

INTERNATIONAL COPYRIGHT.

The Joint Committee on International Copyright have had three long sessions, and listened to the arguments of all parties in the interest. The result of the discussion is that the friends of the different measures have united on a plan of granting the right to foreign authors on condition that their works shall be manufactured in the United States.

CONGRESSIONAL.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.

POSTAL BILL.

The House Postal bill was made the special order for Friday.

BILLS PASSED.

The bill to reimburse soldiers for the loss of clothing in the Chicago fire was passed.

On motion of Mr. SHERMAN, the bill modifying the law so as to prevent the removal of goods in bond from original packages, in cases of accident or legal interference, was passed.

MEMORIAL.

A Memorial was presented from the New York Chamber of Commerce.

PACIFIC RAILROADS.

On motion of Mr. CASSERLY, the Postmaster General was directed to transmit information as to the detention of mails on the Union and Central Pacific Roads, and as to the mail contracts of those roads.

CUSTOMS REFORM.

At the expiration of the morning hour, Mr. Trumbull's bill to retire Judges of United States Courts went over, and Mr. Fenton's bill, for customs reform, was taken up.

Mr. COLE moved to postpone it and take up the Legislative Appropriation bill.

Mr. TRUMBULL saw no necessity for setting aside other important bills to take up an appropriation bill which would not go into effect until the end of June.

Mr. ROBERTSON hoped, if the pending bill should be postponed, the last Amnesty bill passed by the House would be taken up.

Mr. TRUMBULL thought that the very important bill for Customs reform ought to be proceeded with, but if it was to be laid aside he would support the motion of Mr. Robertson to take up the Amnesty bill, and he hoped the friends of amnesty would stand together, and vote down down all attempts to kill this bill, like the former one, by putting on irrevelant riders.

Mr. SUMNER gave notice that if the Amnesty bill were taken up, he would press his supplementary Civil Rights bill as an amendment.

Messrs. EDMUNDS and MORRILL (Vt.) objected to immediate consideration of the Legislative appropriation bill.

Mr. Fenton's bill was then postponed, and the appropriation bill taken up for a vote at 11 to-day.

Mr. COLE, having the bill in charge, explained the amendments reported by the Committee, after which the Senate proceeded to consider the bill indetail. Among the amendments reported is one to discontinue the publication of the laws in newspapers.

Mr. ANTHONY said he had for years favored this reform.

Messrs. POMEROY and HARLAN opposed the amendment. No action was taken upon it.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The VICE PRESIDENT laid before the Senate two messages from the President, transmitting a copy of the case of the United States presented at the Geneva, other reports of the Secretary of State and Secretary of War in reference to the questions with Spain arising out of Cuban affairs, and orders given to our vessels in Cuban waters.

The Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Mr. HOOPER, from the Committee on Coinage, reported a bill revising the laws relating to mints, and Mr. McNEELEY, of the same Committee, raised the question of order that it could be considered by the Committee. The question raised a confusion, but Mr. Hooper stated distinctly that he had authorized Mr. Horton to report the bill. The bill was made the special order for the second Tuesday in March.

Mr. WOOD, from the Committee on Public Buildings, reported a bill appropriating $350,000 for public buildings at Albany, N. Y.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

Mr. GARFIELD opposed the bill, quoting from the report of the Secretary of the Treasury as to the impracticability of further appropriations for such purposes, saying that the points at which public buildings are most needed are Hartford, Indianapolis, Cincinnati, and St. Louis.

Mr. FARNSWORTH ridiculed the idea of the necessity of public work not being undertaken because of business engagements of the Supervising Architect of the Treasury, who had so much to do at Washington in the office to which the President had appointed him as a member of the forty Board of Public Works. The proper person to whom the direction of public buildings should be entrusted was a reputable architect residing in the locality.

The bill was advocated by Messrs. SHELLABARGER, POTTER, and BUTLER, and it was stated in the course of the discussion that the bill was a test question to be applied to other bills where public buildings were asked for, and the aggregate, according to Mr. Garfield, would amount to about $20,000,000.

Mr. GARFIELD made another appeal to the House not to pass the bill, because if it there would come in bills for Cincinnati, Columbus, Newark, San Francisco, and other cities. The public works of the United States involved $15,413,965 appropriated for them, and after the Secretary of the Treasury had cut down the estimates for the coming year as low as he thought they ought to be cut down, the total was estimated to $19,468,000, not including Chicago or St. Louis. The cost of public buildings was generally 50 per cent of all the civil expenses of the Government.

Mr. CONGER replied to Mr. Garfield in support of the pending bill, and like bills for Fort Huron, Mich., and other cities.

Mr. GARFIELD called for the yeas and nays, which were refused, and the bill passed without division.

TEA AND COFFEE.

Mr. DAWES, Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means, reported a bill to repeal the import duties on tea and coffee, in obedience to the order of the House yesterday, and asked leave to make a statement and request the House to have the bill recommitted.

Mr. KNOTT objected.

Mr. DAWES then reported declined to report the bill, as he was not permitted to make a preliminary statement.

NAVAL APPROPRIATION BILL.

The House went into Committee of the Whole on the State of the Union, and took up the Naval Appropriation bill, on which the general debate was limited to two and a half hours.

Mr. HALE, who reported the bills opened the discussion in favor of a reduction of the present expenditures, he said, was demanded by the people and by a majority of the House, but with such reduction was coupled little. It would if it were merely spasmodic. It must be regular, from year to year. The total amount appropriated for the naval service of 1871 was $19,784,717, being a saving of about $1,800,000 in favor of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1873. It was hoped that the sum contained in the bill would cover all the expenses of the Navy Department, and that no Deficiency bill would be asked for. The cost of the navy for seven years preceding the war was as follows:

1856	$14,518,000
1857	15,071,000
1858	14,460,000
1859	15,589,000
1860	16,347,000
1860	14,977,000
1861	14,656,000

So that the average annual expenditure for those years of peace and cheapness, and Democratic administration, was about $15,000,000. He submitted a comparison between that rate of expenditure and the present rate.

Mr. CONNER referred to the fact that the navy had been gradually decreasing, from a time when we had but twenty-nine vessels in commission, mounting 380 guns, and he asked Mr. Hale to harmonize his statements with that fact.

Mr. HALE said the gentleman from Texas was altogether too impatient. He would refer to that when he came to it. He agreed with him that the number of men to which the Navy was limited was 8,500, while the British navy had 64,000 men. But the present state of things was such that it would be impossible to send out three additional vessels, all filled, with the present force to which the navy is limited. He also stated that there had been appropriated $500,000,000 for the navy during four years of Democratic rule, and that the people had a right to know what had become of that money, and of the ships which should have been built. He was sorry to say that the investigation showed badly for the use of the money as affecting the future. He did not wonder that the people would be skeptical as to the assertion that we had to have a navy, or that we must build ships twice before they would appropriate more money for naval expenditures. The whole point of his argument was that the money had been misused, it properly rested. If there was no navy as a legacy from the past, and if the country had not the means to expend in the establishment, they should not grumble at any expense that was inevitable. The navy now possessed by the Government was that belonging to it during the war, only 179 vessels of all classes. Of the rest, some had decayed or sunk, or been sold by order of the Department of the Navy, as he could show their sale. He had not been able to follow them. They were not on the hands of the Department, and the Department was not to be blamed for them. They had vanished and faded away, and were not to be found or traced. The navy now existing, he repeated,